

# ***Huge Amounts of Liquor Being Sold at Kotzebue***

An incredible amount of liquor—over three tons of it—was shipped to Kotzebue from Nome's three liquor stores within a period of three and half months. The status of the town of Kotzebue is "dry."

The unveiling of the figures were revealed by the probe of the Alcoholic Beverage Control board at Nome last week at a hearing conducted by Claude

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Milsap, director of the ABC.

The figure did not include numerous small orders and it did not include those shipped to Kotzebue from Fairbanks liquor dealers.

Most of the liquor shipment received in Kotzebue, ABC chairman said, is being sold by Kotzebue bootleggers. Bootleggers' prices are usually exorbitant, many times reaching \$20 per bottle.

The names of the bootleggers were listed in a report read into the record by Robert Hackstock, an investigator for the ABC from Anchorage.

According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Kotzebue has a population of 1,850. Election supervisor's office in Kotzebue lists 460 eligible voters.

Located just above the Arctic Circle, Kotzebue is 169 air miles from Nome. Since there is no highway, bootlegging traffic is done by air freight through existing airlines.

Investigator Hackstock said that the 6,249 pounds of liquor shipped in the period in question was equivalent to 173 cases not counting, of course, the numerous small orders.