

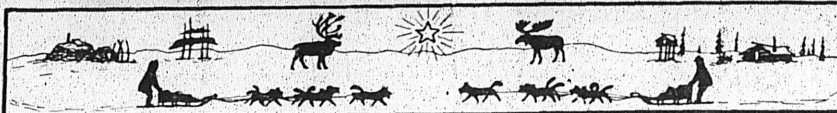
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LOW KEY SESSION IN BARROW

Secretary Morton Fields Questions with Ease

By LAEL MORGAN
Staff Writer

BARROW—A low key session of the Alaska Federation of Natives ended with a confrontation between members and Rogers Morton, Secretary of Interior, who was touring Barrow. Morton took the edge off with an immediate announcement he had extended Alaska's

land freeze "at least during this session of Congress unless the (land claims) bill is settled."

"I would think we have no other choice to protect our rights and the rights of the government, which in this case are very much the same until land claims are settled," he told them.

But he went on to say he would reluctantly lift the freeze before settlement in a long run "if I feel it is in the national interests to do so and I have legal advice that it is appropriate and proper to do so."

He said that he had not yet received a project description necessary in a permit decision and that it would take 75 days from that time before a permit could be approved or rejected.

Members of the Arctic Slope Native Association hammered away at him for leverage against the state to choose land surrounding their villages that the state has tentatively claimed.

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Markup Session On Land Bill In Progress

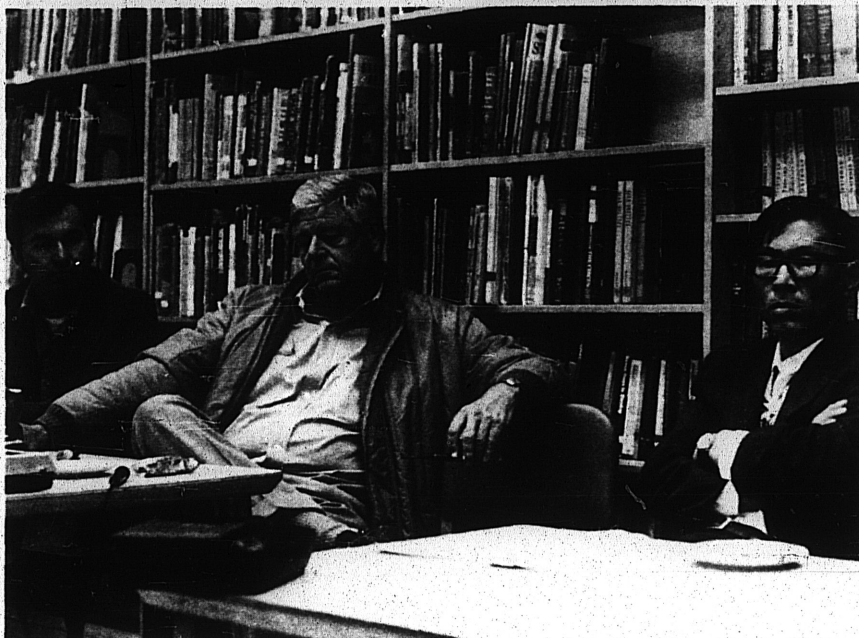
By Thomas Richards, Jr.
Washington Correspondent

Washington, D.C.—May 22. The Indian Affairs Committee of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee is meeting in executive session this week to review for proposed legislation to settle the Alaska Native Land Claims.

On Monday and Tuesday of the session it is reported that the position of the Alaska Federation of Natives received considerable, favorable support from several of the congressmen.

Alaska congressman, Nick Begich has indicated that he is pleased with the initial progress of the "mark up session."

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NO SMILING MATTER—The subject was land tentatively approved for state take over that surrounds native villages. Secretary of Interior Rogers Morton said he was "on thin ice" in making a recommendation on the subject. At

his right Joe Upickson, president of the Arctic Slope Native Assn. and at the far left, Morris Thompson, state head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

AEC Gives Times Cannikin Material

A few weeks ago a number of newspapers in Alaska were invited to send reporters to the test site of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission on Amchitka in the Aleutian Islands.

The Tundra Times was not among them. Instead we were sent a large envelope full of reading material relating to AEC's proposed underground experiment, Cannikin.

First we have a summary of the project.

"Cannikin is a proposed underground nuclear test on Amchitka Island of an experimental device which will have a yield of less than five megatons. (One megaton = 1 million tons of TNT). The test is considered of vital importance to national

security.

"While the yield of Cannikin is larger than that of the Milrow test conducted in the fall of 1969 at Amchitka, the Atomic Energy Commission has every confidence it can be conducted safely—a consideration of paramount importance in every such test."

"After the detonation, a pocket of radioactivity will remain underground at a depth of 6,000 feet. Most of the radioactivity will be trapped within a matrix of relatively insoluble glass-like material formed from molten and resolidified rock. We ex-

pect any untrapped radioactivity will tend to remain near the detonation point, since its transport by groundwater will be

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Hope Whaling Celebration Impresses

By STU ROTHMAN

POINT HOPE—Kugruk, the traditional feast which follows the taking of whales, was celebrated at Point Hope last week.

Eskimos and visitors from all over Alaska journeyed to the small village for the event. They

slept in the hotel, the school building, in tents, in the homes of friends and relatives, and in the open.

Although Kugruk, the feast celebrating the first whales being brought in, is a time when families separated by many miles of ice and tundra are brought

together, it is more than just a family reunion. It is preserved from the Eskimos early days, the Great Sharing Feast of the Inupiat, celebrating both the grace of the animal and the skill of the man.

The feast begins on a very formal note, with the first choice sections of the whale given to the Captain of the crew that brought it in. And then the crew members and their families receive shares, followed by the Captain's relatives, and the relatives of the crew members. Then visitors and guests, until everyone has had a share.

The bulk of the whales are (Continued on page 5)

AFN Annual Convention to Be in Fairbanks

The Alaska Federation of Natives board of directors in Barrow last Monday voted to hold its annual convention in Fairbanks in conjunction with the Tundra Times annual banquet to be held on October 9.

The convention will bring to Fairbanks around 300 native people and their leaders many of whom will attend the banquet.

The keynote speaker at the banquet will be the famous prophetess Jeane Dixon. She will speak on the banquet theme, "Children: Our Innocent Heirs." She is also expected to speak along the lines of her special talent.

By LAEL MORGAN
Staff Writer

BETHEL—Radio KYUK has broken the silence of the Kuskokwim airwaves with a delightfully unique broadcast format.

"Angelanaqvaa...KYUK...On the air now," goes the station break jingle in Eskimo dance rhythm. "Angelanaqvaa", Yupik Eskimo for "oh, what fun!" And that it is, in two languages.

A star performer is Levi Lott of Tuluksak who is a bilingual disc jockey.

"I told the board that an experienced radio announcer who spoke Yupik was an impossibility," recalls Dave Moore, station manager. "Then along came Levi. He'd gotten his experience in Fairbanks and he's good."

Levi is a quick translator who

can read record requests in both English and Eskimo. He also does a 10 minute Eskimo news broadcast nightly.

Another popular program is a children's show run by Miss Mary. Her identity is a secret but rumor has it Miss Mary is really a married woman with a family.

"Did you know Miss Mary has a baby?" That's a favorite Bethel joke at the moment.

Also unique with KYUK is an Eskimo story hour where local legends are told in Yupik. Villagers along the Kuskokwim are so enthusiastic about it they are making tapes of their own stories and the station hopes to use them if it can resolve problems with sound quality.

Such features, plus the efforts (Continued on page 2)



LEVI LOTT

White Fur, Blue Eyes and A Pink Nose

Jeane Dixon, prophetess who will be guest speaker for the Tundra Times Banquet Oct. 9, will have another mission in Alaska as well. She's looking for a Husky pup to purchase for her sister.

Specifications are "white fur, blue eyes and a pink nose." Anyone wishing to sell such a puppy should contact the Tundra Times which, in turn, will contact Jeane Dixon.