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## ARCTIC BOROUGH APPROVED

### Hearings to Seek Implementation Of Land Claims

Senator Mike Gravel today (Feb. 22) announced that the Senate Interior Committee will hold hearings in Washington on March 2 on various matters related to the implementation of the Alaska Native Land Claims Act which became law in December. Senator Gravel will chair the hearings.

The Alaska Democrat stated that he was "extremely pleased to make the announcement" and heralded it as an opportunity for the Senate to "resolve some of the confusion which has occurred from various interpretations of the Claims Act."

Senator Gravel said that the major item to be discussed was the financing in the current fiscal year to enable the Native Corporations and the agencies of government to begin their work of land selection and Native enrollment under the terms of the Act.

The bill authorizes 12.5 million dollars in the 1972 fiscal year for this purpose.

In addition, he said that various inconsistencies and minor errors in the final bill need to be corrected and that the hearings would provide an opportunity for that to be done thoroughly.

The witnesses at the hearings will include representatives from Alaska Native organizations.

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### Shop for Edna Ketzler

Mrs. Richard Ketzler (Edna) of Nenana is determined to open an arts and crafts shop in Nenana.

With the help of her family of five sons and three daughters and the guidance from Alaskan artist Ron Senungetuk, she hopes to have her shop open by May.

Then, she said, in addition to selling Alaskan art and crafts, she will be able to train others in the art of making beadwork and mukluks.

She has ordered logs for a small building, twenty feet by twenty-four, she said, which she will build on skids.

"I've already talked to the principal (of the school in Nenana)," she said, and "he's hoping to get a grant for the high school there so that the students can learn arts and crafts. If he does, I will teach, or one of the teachers will teach, arts and crafts to the students."

Mrs. Ketzler, whose children also have exhibited a talent in art, studied art at the native school in Nome.

Last year, for her birthday, her sons gave her nine soapstone hearts which they had carved in different shapes and sizes, and



NORDALE TRAGEDY—Landmark Nordale Hotel is billowing flames at Tuesday night's, Feb. 22, tragic fire. About four persons are presumed missing, among them famed and beloved Eva McGown, Fairbanks' official hostess. Three bodies have so far been recovered.

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—Photo by FRANK MURPHY

### Great Fire Destroys Nordale—

#### Famous Eva McGown Believed One of 4 Victims

FAIRBANKS—a blazing holocaust seen throughout the entire Fairbanks area roared through the wooden 3-story Nordale Hotel last week, bringing the

historic landmark to smoldering ruins and bringing injury and death to some hotel residents.

"It is more than likely that four fatalities" were suffered in the blaze, said Robert Sundberg, Fairbanks Chief of Police.

Many residents jumped from windows to escape smoke and flames or were rescued by some of the more than 100 firemen who fought the fire. Nine persons were taken to Fairbanks Community Hospital, Sundberg said, where five were treated and released and four remained in hospital care.

Among those treated and released was William H. Barnes, a 49-year-old unemployed heavy equipment mechanic.

But Barnes has received some notoriety in this area as the occupant of room 107 in the Nordale Hotel the night of the fire.

Room 107, according to Sundberg, "was the most probable place of origin" of the fire.

According to District Court

Judge Robson, who has been assigned the case, Barnes is now completing a five-day sentence on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was found drunk and asleep in another Hotel with a lighted cigar in his mouth.

He will appear before the judge, Robson said, Thursday morning at 10 a.m.

Meanwhile, construction workers and firemen, under the direction of Fire Chief Daniel Coben, continue to clear the remains of the building during the 9-10 hours of daylight, sifting through the smoldering debris to

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### Jackson Introduces Bill

Expanded contracting authorization and grants are the core of a bill introduced Feb. 9 by Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., entitled the "Indian Self-Determination Act of 1972."

The proposed legislation will

### Borough Hailed 'New Challenge, New Departure'

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In a move described by Byron Mallott, head of the State Local Affairs Agency, as a "really bold step," the State Local Boundary Commission voted last week in Anchorage to approve the petition calling for the establishment of a 50-million-acre first-class borough north of the Brooks Range.

"This is a real challenge and a new departure," Mallott told the Tundra Times in a telephone interview. With the "vast areas and scattered people, we need to develop local government mechanisms responsive to those circumstances. Hopefully, the North Slope Borough... will give the state a firm fix on how best to establish responsive local government in rural areas."

All that remains now before the North Slope Borough is a reality is the confirming vote of the residents of the Arctic area.

No one expects them to refuse this opportunity for self-government.

According to Joe Upicksoun, a resident of Barrow and president of the Arctic Slope Native Association (ASNA), when the Local Boundary Commission approved plans for the North Slope Borough, they "knew what they were doing."

"They did their homework," he said, in response to a query from the Tundra Times. "They knew the constitution and found that our application for the borough was constitutional."

Now, he said, he is trying to persuade "a few to run for borough offices."

Upicksoun would especially like to see Eben Hopson—special assistant to Governor William A. Egan and former state legislator—run for borough chairman, he said, "since he helped write

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### Two-Headed Hair Seal Pup Discovered at Pt. Hope

A strange hunting oddity has come out of the village of Point Hope in the far northwestern corner of Alaska. A two-headed unborn hair seal pup was discovered in a seal caught by the village hunter Raymond Frankson.

Frankson caught the seal on January 24, 1972.

"This is very unusual in our

unwritten Eskimo history and not heard of even in the old tales. Maybe the persistent story about the ten-legged polar bear was true after all," observed Melvin Olanna of Shishmaref.

Olanna is at Point Hope working with the village art upgrade program of the University

of Alaska.

Olanna said the seal pup is about a foot long or little less, white in color. It was found dead and it is being kept frozen.

In other hunting activities, Point Hope hunters are having better luck this year in getting polar bears. Eleven have been caught so far. In some years, only two have been caught.