

Gravel Named to Board of Visitors

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Mike Gravel (D-Alaska) has been named to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

The appointment was made by Vice President Spiro T. Agnew in his position as President of the U.S. Senate and was based on Senator Gravel's "strong interest in the Merchant Marine and its importance to Alaska."

News of the appointment came on the heels of Senator Gravel's successful efforts to have

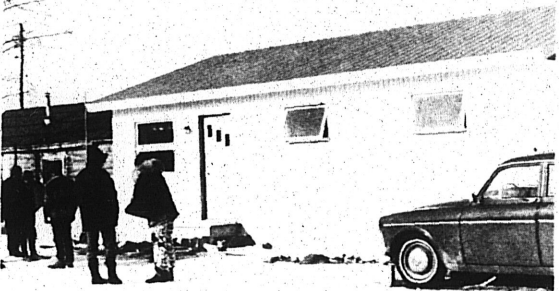
the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy implement a special affirmative action recruitment program for Native Alaskans.

At the Senator's urging, a recruiter was sent to Alaska for the first time last week to visit high schools at Ketchikan, Sitka, Mt. Edgecumbe, Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Nome.

He will talk with students interested in applying for enrollment in the Academy for the class of July 1971, as well as for future classes.



TRADITIONAL CHIEF—Andrew Isaac, Traditional Chief of the United Crow Bands is trying to help his people at Tanacross move into new homes. Plagued by a heart ailment, the old chief has spent much of the winter hospitalized in Anchorage, presently lives in one of the new homes in Dot Lake.



DOT LAKE—Just finished in December, these new cottages are spacious inside, providing such conveniences as central heating, modern kitchens and bathrooms. Here, a group of agency representatives inspect the Dot Lake homes and compares them with Tanacross.



TANACROSS—Reachable by car only across the river ice, these one and two room cabins often house more than eight people. Plagued by bad housing, poor sanitation and the steadily encroaching river, the people of the village are trying to get government support to build new houses on the highway side of the Tanana River.

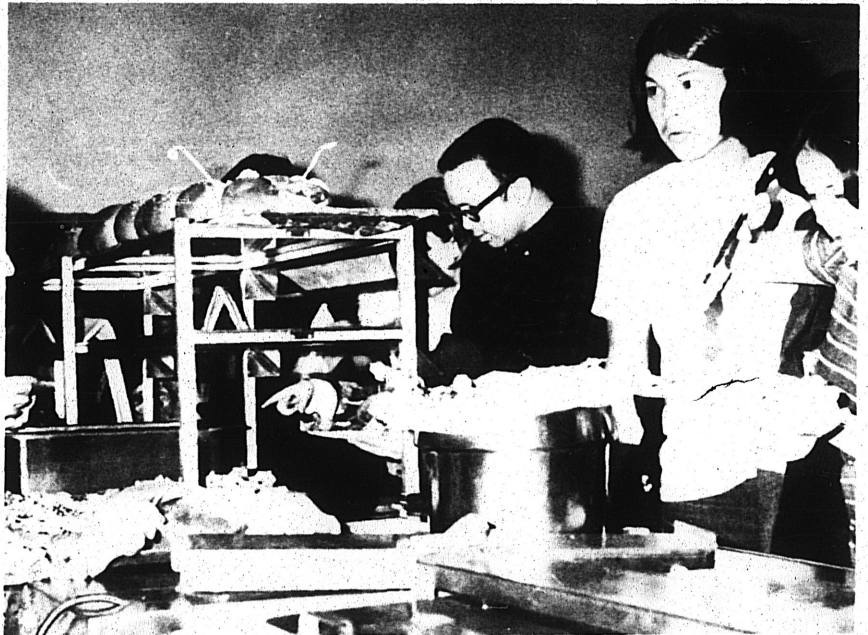
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SCENES AT FNA POTLATCH



ESKIMO DANCERS — Invitation dances were the popular highlight of the potlatch, with Eskimos showing the way and the audience

climbing down from the bleachers in the gymnasium to join in. At the end of the invitation dances, several hundred people filled the floor.



FILL HER UP — A varied selection of deliciously prepared wild game, fish and native delicacies awaited visitors to the potlatch as they filed

through the serving line in the Lathrop H.S. cafeteria after outlasting the endless line to get in.



HIS HONOR THE CHIEF — Fairbanks Mayor Julian C. Rice sports an Indian headdress, gift of the Fairbanks Native Association as he rests up

after spirited participation in the native dancing at the potlatch.

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