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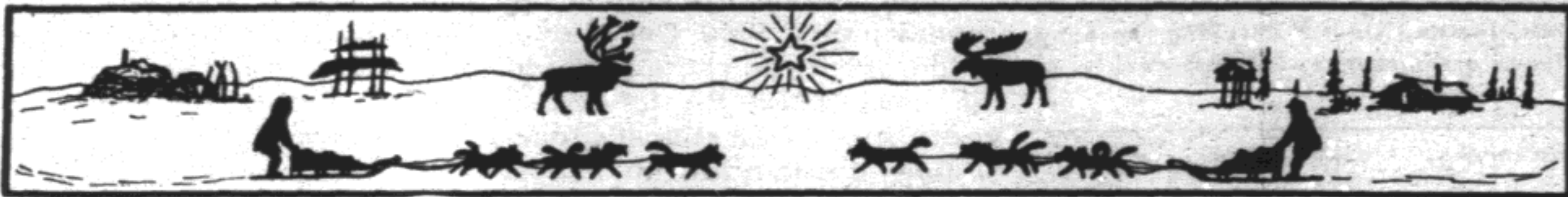
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FIRST TANACROSS CLAIM 1917



WORLD'S TALLEST TOTEM—The eyes of the totem art world, and eyes elsewhere as well, are upon the Alaska Indian Arts, Inc., Port Chilkoot, Alaska where the world's tallest totem pole is being carved. When completed, the huge totem will tower 132 feet into the air. The long wooden sculpture is being prepared for Expo '70, Asia's

first World's Fair which will be held in Osaka, Japan next year. Encountering money difficulties, the villagers of Kake, where the idea originated, raised the necessary funds to execute the totem work. Carvers at Port Chilkoot are busily working on the big project.

World's Tallest Totem 132 Ft. High

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During the early part of this century, the Tlingit Indian residents of Kake, Alaska, burned

Stevens Bill Paves Release Of T-H Funds

At the request of the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians, Alaska Senator Ted Stevens has introduced legislation to authorize the release of funds estimated to be over \$7 million awarded them in a 1968 judgment.

Currently, subject to legislation before they can be released, the funds are presently being held on deposit in accounts in the U.S. Treasury bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.

Senator Stevens said, "The needs of the Tlingit and Haida people are critical. It is their judgement that these funds should be made available to promote their economic and social advancement. I agree and urge that early consideration be given to the legislation I have introduced to make this money available."

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every totem pole in town.

This bizarre action was brought on by zealous Christian Missionaries who convinced the people that a totem culture was inappropriate now that "civilized" religion had come to Kupreanof Island.

Appropriately enough, in 1967 the year of the Alaska Purchase Centennial, the village members decided to revitalize their heri-

tage. As part of the state-wide Centennial celebration, it was decided that the village would carve and erect the world's tallest authentic totem pole.

The then Governor of Alaska, now Secretary of Interior, Walter J. Hickel, assisted by flying to Kake and falling a 140-foot-long Alaskan spruce. But, for several reasons, mainly financial, the

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Editorial—

The Need for Trained Native Men and Women

Steve Hass' letter to the editor, which is printed on the editorial page, is a timely impetus to the needs of the native people in the future—the necessity of having highly trained native men and women to fill jobs of technical nature that will arise once the native land claims problem is settled.

Hass is right in saying that Tundra Times has not pushed hard enough calling for trained people from the native ranks in Alaska. We, of course, have pushed for this in private talks with native high school students and in some gatherings of native college students. We have also called for it in the Tundra Times but which we need to stress more and oftener.

In the Tundra Times issue of January 19, 1968 we

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More Research Reveals Initial Claim Made Fifty-two Years Ago

By THOMAS RICHARDS, JR.
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The earliest claim made in the Tanacross area was in 1917, and not 1950 as was previously reported.

The Tundra Times was informed that a 1917 claim was filed by a trader named Newton on behalf of the Tanacross natives.

Newton reportedly had the natives mark hunting trails, fishing sites, trap lines, village sites, burial grounds, and other lands relating to historical use on a map of the area.

Chief Andrew Isaac of Tanacross indicated that the map was registered with the Territorial Commissioner for the Upper Tanana, John Hajdukovich. This claim, Isaac said, extended from Delta Junction to the Canadian border and included all the villages in that area.

A letter from the late Senator E.L. Bartlett to Chief Isaac, in

which the Senator said that he had located an old claim, is in the possession of the Tanacross village.

The Senator said that he discovered an unsigned copy of an old Tanacross claim. It is believed that this was a copy of the claim filed in 1934 by Tanacross. This claim is reported to have been dismissed by the Interior Department, which said the claim was too large.

Tundra Times research revealed the existence of another early claim, made in 1946. Chief Isaac said that a man, who identified himself as Judge Goldstein from the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Native Legal Service, came to Tanacross and had the villagers mark maps.

All lands claimed through historic use and occupancy by the Tanacross area natives were included in this claim. Judge Gold-

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Americans to Land On Moon Sunday

Three American men, Neil Armstrong, Ed Aldrin and Mike Collins, are at this moment hurtling toward the moon 265,000 miles away from the gem of the Universe, Earth.

The Apollo 11 is scheduled to land the first earth man in the person of Neil Armstrong who will make the historic step on the moon element Sunday. He will be followed by Ed Aldrin.

The powerful Saturn rocket made its liftoff last Wednesday from Cape Kennedy scarcely a half a second late from the true starting moment.

The landing on the moon will be televised which in itself is a miracle of achievement in the technology of communications

Justice Dept. OK's Weinberg

The U.S. Department of Justice this week ruled that former Interior Department solicitor Ed Weinberg can be engaged as legislative counsel by the Alaska Federation of Natives during the land claims legislation.

The question arose some time ago that if Weinberg was employed in the designated capacity, he would be violating the criminal code of the United States that prohibits a person from working on a similar matter after being employed by the government.

Weinberg as solicitor worked

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by man. The moon landing will be seen by millions of people on earth.

This rarest treat of rare treats was paid tribute by President Richard Nixon in the following manner:

"In the past ages exploration was a lonely enterprise—but today, the miracles of space travel are matched by the miracles of space communication, even across the lunar distance television brings the moment of discovery into our homes, and makes all of us participants."

Also, in an apparent attempt to wrest some glamor from the American Astronauts, Russia has launched the unmanned Lunar 15 ahead of Apollo 11 presumably to scoop up moon elements and bring them back to earth and to Russia.

In the meantime, the American Astronauts are doing their chores in a precision manner, eating well with resting periods in between during their 100-hour trip to the moon.

Also, the public has noted the great historic undertaking personally and a first baby born after the liftoff was named Apollo.

Then, too, President Nixon will be giving government employees a day off next Monday in observance of the moon landing. Someone quipped that that day might be known as "Moon day" instead of "Monday" from this day forward.