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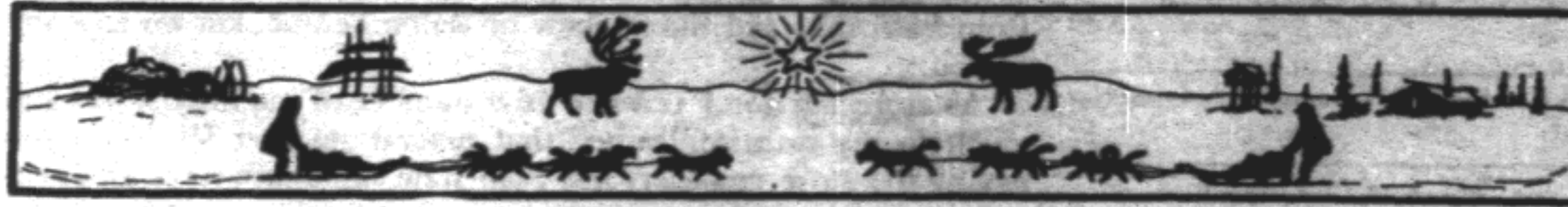
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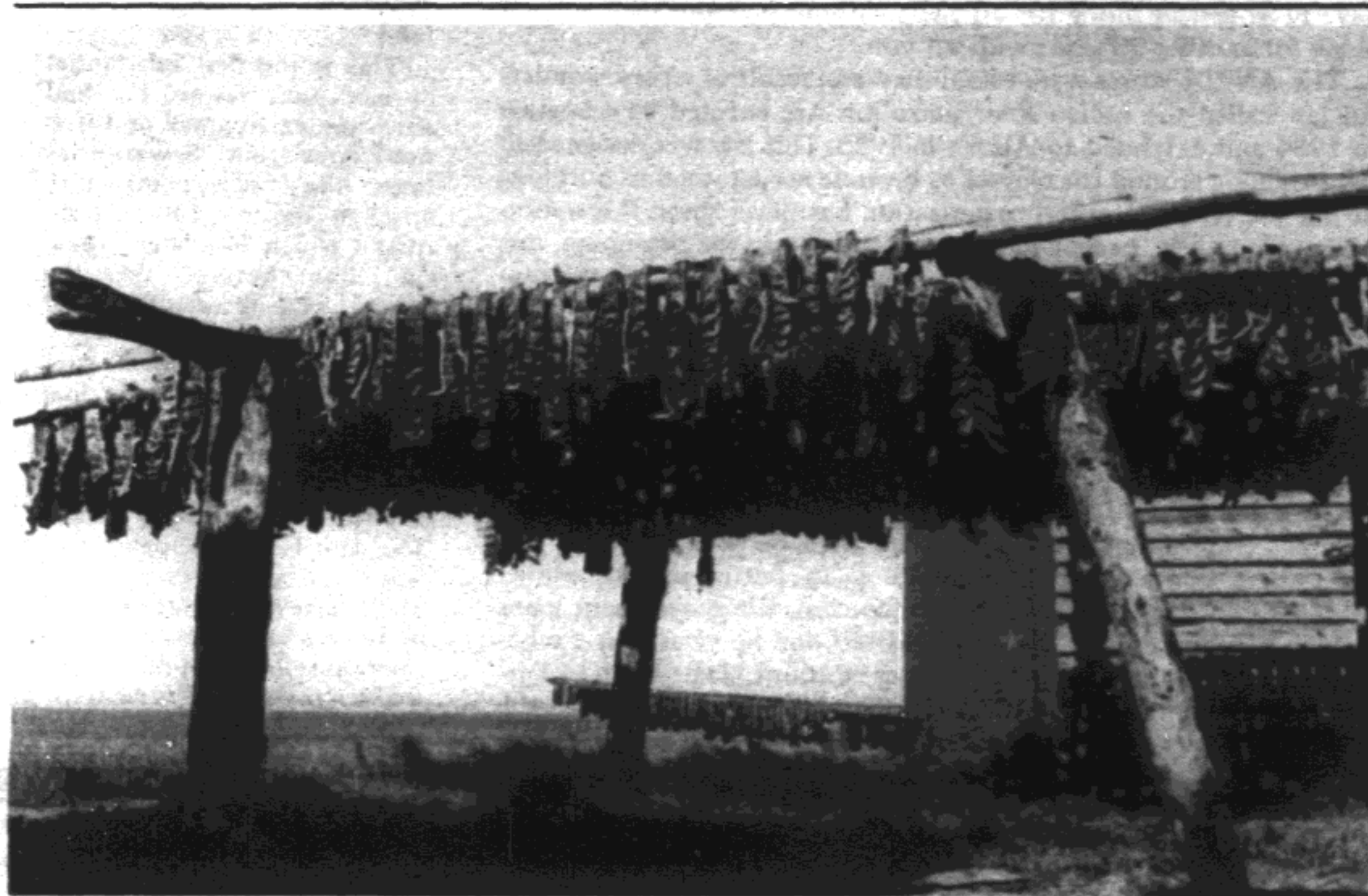
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Rep. Terry Miller Says Branch Here Would Help Villages



DRYING SALMON—This is the time of year from Kuskokwim Delta area and on up north and Interior Alaska, when the Eskimos and Indians begin drying their salmon catches for winter food for themselves and for their dogs. Men catch the salmon and the women gill and dress the fish cutting diagonal slits

toward the head so when hung, the slits open allowing more drying area for the fish. The drying racks pictured donate a fine season.

—WIEN CONSOLIDATED AIRLINES
Photo by FRANK WHALEY

State Rep. Terry Miller proposed today that Rural Development Agency open a branch office in Fairbanks starting next fiscal year.

He stated that the present RDA office in Juneau is doing an adequate job but he said its efficiency could be improved by having an area coordinator with an office here.

"The office is presently being operated from Juneau," said Terry Miller, "however, the overwhelming majority of the villages, and the people affected by the program live in Western Alaska. Since Fairbanks is the most central population center to most of these villages, it

would be the best spot for another office."

Rep. Miller said his proposal was based on the remarks of his contacts in his election district. He said the native people in the area don't always know how the program operated nor do they have adequate knowledge of making out applications for loans.

Miller said the Fairbanks branch office would also be valuable to the main office in Juneau because the RDA man here would act as a contact man for the state and could work on resolving other problem areas as they arise.

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House Land Hearing Highly Satisfactory

Although the House hearing on native land claims was scheduled for two hours originally, the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee heard testimonies that lasted all day in Washington, D. C. yesterday.

"One of the finest hearings Interior and Insular Affairs Committee that we have had in a long, long time," said Frank

Albert, administrative assistant to Congressman Howard Pollock.

"I can tell you," he continued, "that everything went very smoothly and the native boys that you people sent down made an outstanding presentation. The native leaders were very articulate in presenting the position of the Alaska natives."

Albert said that it was the first time in 101 years that Congress is giving serious consideration to resolve the perplexing land claims problem.

It was also the first time that a committee of the House of Representatives has scheduled and heard formal testimony from the affected native communities.

"That is very unusual that a committee of Congress holds hearings while the House is in session. The House was in

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Miss (Indian) America Pageant Seeks Alaska Girls

Miss (Indian) America Pageant at the All American Indian Days in Sheridan, Wyoming, is again seeking entries from Alaska.

Any native girl from the North American Continent one half or more Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut blood who has never been married and is between the ages of 17 and 26 inclusive may enter.

Authentic native costumes are required to be worn during the pageant that starts officially on July 31 at 5:00 p.m.

Contestants are asked to file by July 15 but the absolute deadline is July 31 at 5:00 p.m.

The selection of Miss (Indian) America will be made on a basis of appearance, poise, native characteristics, scholastic interest and dedication to the advancement of the native people.

Five persons of national standing and integrity will be judges and the judges' decision will be final.

Sarah Ann Johnson is the current Miss (Indian) America. She is 20 years old full blooded Navajo Indian girl from Pinon, Arizona.

Miss Johnson has appeared on network television as well as local television and radio pro-

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Athabaskan Accuses ANICA Gen. Mgr. Winfield Ervin, Jr.

Leonard L. Monaghan, an Athabaskan Indian from Fairbanks, has leveled charges against Winfield Ervin, Jr., general manager of the Alaska Native Industries Cooperative Association with offices in Seattle, that he, Ervin, has been violating the minimum wage law as applied in Alaska.

After working for four months for ANICA as a store advisor, Leonard Monaghan was fired by Winfield Ervin when Monaghan in his capacity attempted to raise the salaries of village ANICA store managers.

Ervin Contract May Not Be Renewed: Pres.

President of the Alaska Native Industries Cooperative Association Daniel Lisbourne hinted in Fairbanks this week that the general manager of ANICA Winfield Ervin, Jr.'s contract may not be renewed.

Lisbourne was on his way to Fort Yukon for a two-day meeting of the Alaska State Community Action Program board of directors.

Monaghan charges that ANICA is paying its village native store managers \$1.25 per hour while the minimum wage law in Alaska sets the figure at \$2.25 per hour.

Along with his charge of minimum wage law violation, Monaghan said that Winfield Ervin "is both arrogant and dictatorial" and that the central office of the ANICA system should be moved to either Fairbanks or Anchorage away

from Seattle.

He said if the office was moved, it would be more accessible for visits by village store managers in Alaska "in contrast with the present situation in which your general manager might as well be in Japan."

In a scathing letter addressed to village native store managers, Monaghan appealed that ANICA Board of Directors dismiss Winfield Ervin as general manager.

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Plump Reindeer— After a Rough Start, Togiak Herd Thrives

"Now they're plump—they really plumped up. I think that place is real good for the reindeer," said Andrew Franklin of Togiak this week in Fairbanks. "They're real round and fat."

With a show of enthusiasm, Andrew Franklin told Tundra Times that the reindeer transplanted to Hegemeister Island almost three years ago by the Bureau of Indian Affairs from Nunivak Island are thriving.

Around 300 reindeer were airlifted but the mortality rate was high and some 70 of the herd survived according to Andrew Franklin.

"Now we have 175. First year they killed one but the meat wasn't good. Meat is real good now. They're real plump—they're real fat and everything," said Franklin. "Village people pretty excited about reindeer."

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Cooper, Another Rescued Yesterday

Pilot Bob Cooper and his companion were found and rescued yesterday by an Air Force helicopter about 20 miles north-east of Lake Minchumina.

The two men had been missing since 4th of July after they attempted to hike to the village of Minchumina about 35 air miles from a point where Cooper made an emergency landing when his plane ran out of gas.

He landed the plane with three passengers aboard, Lyman Donald, Sandra Davis and Donald O'Bray accompanied Cooper on their attempted hike to Minchumina.

The group had been flying to Fairbanks from Galena when they ran into trouble.

Bob Cooper is a well known bush pilot in Alaska.