

Projects to Continue Despite Fund Cuts

JUNEAU—A series of maintenance projects to improve and upgrade airfield facilities at eight locations around the state will proceed as scheduled despite a federal cutback in Federal Aid Airport Program funds for Alaska, Gov. Walter J. Hickel said this week.

Grant for Health Information

JUNEAU—Conditional approval of a \$31,478 grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, to establish a health information system in Alaska has been received, Gov. Walter J. Hickel said.

Confirmation of the approval came from Dr. R. Leslie Smith, regional health officer for the U.S. Public Health Service in San Francisco.

Total cost of the system will be \$75,000. It will be used by the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare to catalogue statewide statistics for such diseases as cancer and tuberculosis, along with a wide variety of other human diseases and disabilities.

Health and Welfare Commissioner J. Scott McDonald told the Governor the grant approval is conditional because it hinges on a requirement that the funds must be formally obligated prior to the end of the fiscal year.

In addition, federal officials must meet in Alaska with state representatives to discuss details on the program.

The conditional approval was given at this time, McDonald said, so the state could proceed with obligating its share of the funds prior to the end of the fiscal year.

The Governor announced that the state has been advised by the Federal Aviation Administration that Washington is cutting by \$5 million the state's airport funding for the first quarter for 1969.

The eight airport projects, to continue as scheduled because they are totally state-funded, are:

—King Salmon: Patching, compacting and seal coating of the taxiway and aircraft parking apron. Kay Inc. of Anchorage, the contractor on a job to seal coat the runway for the Air Force will also carry out the state work.

—Ambler: Rehabilitation of the runway to a useable length of about 1,800 feet; work to be carried out by the State Division of Aviation.

—Talkeetna: Runway re-graveling, to begin July 10 and be completed by Aug. 15.

—Galena and Barrow: New maintenance and sand storage buildings have been ordered for these two locations to improve the quality of maintenance needed to support the jet aircraft that will be operating in and out of these fields.

—Yakutat: Work is presently under way to patch and crack seal the runways that have deteriorated; work being carried out by the Alaska Department of Highways.

—Cold Bay: New runway centerline stripes and markings, along with improved maintenance facilities to serve this airfield, which has high jet usage.

—Gustavus: Runway centerline stripes and markings, along with crack sealing and patching.

The Governor said the total cost of all eight projects will be \$100,000.

Gravel Says Life Expectancy of Products Should Be Told to Women



GREETER—U.S. Senate candidate Mike Gravel, who spoke to Head Start Program teachers and aides from more than 30 Alaskan villages at the University of Alaska July 3, is shown being greeted at the meeting by Nina Flitt, Head Start teacher from Fort Yukon. Gravel told the assembly that Head Start, which allows villagers a hand in educating their own children is an example of the type self help programs needed in the 49th State.

FAIRBANKS—U. S. Senate candidate Mike Gravel urged this week that manufacturers tell purchasers exactly how long a product can be expected to last.

"Why shouldn't a housewife know that there are only a certain number of hours of service in her refrigerator; or that the life expectancy of her washing machine may fall short of what she is led to believe?" Gravel asked.

"The manufacturer knows the answers to these questions, and he should be allowed to hide them no longer."

"Consumers should increase their interest in getting better treatment at the market price," Gravel said.

"If consumers demand information on the life expectancy of products, the manufacturer's will give it," Gravel claimed, "but not until we ask will we get the facts."

"Alaskans should be particularly concerned about consumer protection legislation, because this kind of legislation will have a direct and beneficial result on the Alaskan cost of living."

"And that means dollars to all of us," Gravel said.

University Seeks Contractor Bids For Commons

The University of Alaska is seeking general contractor bids to restore the University Commons, gutted by fire last month. Bids will be opened at 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 17, in the office of the UA president.

Bids will be sought for complete restoration of the building, including replacement of interior finish materials and electrical and mechanical work. Replacement and installation of food service equipment will be done by separate contract.

UA officials are expediting rehabilitation of the building, which serves the campus as a dining hall. Construction is expected to be completed by September 7 when the first meals are scheduled to be served to fall semester students.

A fire, originating in a deep-fat fryer, caused an estimated \$500,000 damage to the Commons on June 14. Robyn Aubrey, a UA student and part-time kitchen employee, died in the fire when he was overcome by fumes.

Barbara Roe to Miami Beach

Miss Barbara Roe, an Eielson AFB high school student, is among the 1200 delegates at the 1968 National Meeting of the Future Homemakers of America this week in Miami Beach, Florida.

Miss Roe, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Alaska FHA Association has joined five other FHA'ers who are representing Alaska at the National Meeting. She is being accompanied by Mrs. Susan Drye, Anchorage Dimond High School FHA Advisor.

The theme of the National meeting this year is "Citizenship—A Challenge to Cherish."

The Alaska Delegates have taken to the Miami meeting Eskimo summer parkas, which they have made from printed cotton. They have learned a seal hunters dance and accompanying background chants to present at the national convention.

Upper Yukon Community of Fort Yukon Scene of Spawn of RACAP

ASCAP went upriver to Fort Yukon to spawn and promptly produced a new ASCAP and named it RACAP. The new infant stands for Rural Alaska Community Action Program.

The birth didn't come about without complications when the board of directors discussed the matter at length but the final vote prevailed and RACAP was adopted.

The board of directors of the Alaska State Community Action Program flew to Fort Yukon last Monday to reorganize under the provision of the Green Amendments but the birth of RACAP was something of a surprise.

The decision was met with some mixed emotions but the new infant seemed to be meeting with general favor.

HEARING . . .

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session today," said Frank Albert. "The testimony by the proponents established an excellent record for the committee consideration."

The first witness to testify was Congressman Pollock. Pollock is a member of the committee.

He was followed by Sen. Ernest Gruening and Governor Walter J. Hickel.

Others who testified were: Rep. Willie Hensley, Roger Connor, Flore Lekanof, Emil Notti, Laura Bergt, Clifford Groh, Don Wright, John Borbridge, Barry Jackson, Charles Edwardson, and William Paul, Sr.

The hearings are continuing in the Senate today.

Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible, but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary.

Reinhold Niebuhr

"You know what?" Carol Bahr, secretary of ASCAP, now RACAP, pointed out. "We have a new name!"

"What is it?" she was asked "RACAP."

"What? RECAP?"

"No. It's R-A-C-A-P. RACAP," Miss Bahr corrected.

The executive director of the agency, Larry Brayton, told the press the majority of the board members seemed to think the new name better fitted the efforts of the agency.

The agency does tremendous lot of its work in the rural areas.

The board also voted to reorganize its board from 15 members to 21. The number will eventually be increased to 33.

The new name, RACAP, was suggested by Rick Lauber, a board member representing the State of Alaska.

Unemployment Security Division

JUNEAU, July 9, 1968—The Employment Security Division announced today that Alaska's Unemployment Compensation Fund balance totaled \$19,865,000 at the close of business on June 30, 1968.

The balance represented a decrease of \$45,000 over the fund's level at the end of June 1967.

Labor Commissioner Thomas J. Moore said a total of \$500,000 was paid out in current benefits during June as compared with \$842,000 the previous month and \$444,000 paid out during June, 1967.

In addition, the Division paid \$123,000 in unemployment insurance benefits during June under two federally-financed programs for former federal employees and ex-servicemen.

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