

# Friendly Forces



**HEADING OUT**—Eskimo scouts, attached to the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Alaska), board snowmobiles in preparation for scouting duties for Jack Frost 76. The scouts and equipment were airlifted to the exercise area by Military Airlift Command C-130 aircraft. Approximately 60 Eskimo scouts will support "friendly forces" during the annual winter Joint-Service training exercise. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Anchorage, Ak.—Approximately 60 Eskimo scouts from the Bethel area are again participating alongside regular Army forces in support of the annual winter Joint Service exercise, Jack Frost 76.

Attached to the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Alaska), the scouts have been performing scouting and patrol duties in support of "friendly" forces.

Jack Frost 76 is a Joint Service Exercise conducted to test the military's ability to defend its installations and the Trans-Alaska pipeline and to repel or destroy an invading force in the extreme climatic conditions of the arctic.

Under the command of Captain Donald Beam, Bethel, the scouts are assigned to A

Company, 2nd of the 297th Eskimo Scout Battalion, Bethel.

The exercise, being conducted by the Unified U.S. Readiness Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fl., is designed to give true evaluation of the commanders and their staff, and the effectiveness of command and control procedures of the Joint Task Force Alaska.

It also tests the strategic deployment of forces from the lower "48" and joint logistics procedures supporting the independent Army and Air Force forces over extended air and sea lines of communications in the arctic environment.

The field training portion of the exercise will end Jan. 24. Redeployment of forces will begin on Jan. 25 and the exercise will end Jan. 31.

## Support Heart Fund drive

In a proclamation received this week from Robert J. Allen, Executive Director of the Alaska Heart Association, Governor Hammond urged all Alaskans to give the Heart Fund Drive their earnest support.

"427 Alaskans died from cardiovascular diseases in 1973," the Governor stated in his proclamation. "This number represents 29.2% of all deaths in Alaska: more than any other cause."

The Heart Fund, the financial campaign for the Alaska Heart Association, will be conducted throughout Alaska during the month of February. The campaign will reach a climax on Heart Sunday weekend, March 4, 5, 6, and 7th, when more than 5,000 Alaskans will be volunteering to visit their neighbors, hand out Heart Saver Literature, and collect contributions.

Dr. William R. Wood, former President of the University of Alaska, is the 1976 State Heart Fund Chairman.

The goal for the Heart Fund Drive this year, is, \$150,000.

## Fairbanks Wolf control

FAIRBANKS—A wolf control program designed to help bolster the moose heard in unit 20A near Fairbanks will begin as soon as weather conditions permit, the Department of Fish and Game announced today.

Robert Hinman, regional game supervisor, said that recent surveys indicate that there are only about 15 moose per wolf in the unit. The department hopes to establish a ratio of about one wolf per 100 moose.

"At the 1-15 ratio, it is highly unlikely that the moose population will begin recovery," Hinman said. "Through a carefully administered program conducted only by the Department of Fish and Game, we are attempting to provide conditions which will enable the moose population to increase."

The recent surveys show that there are an estimated 180 to 260 wolves and 2,500 to 3,500 moose in the unit.

Following the reduction program, both moose and wolves will be monitored to determine population trends.



**LONG RIDE** — Members of A Company, 2nd of the 297th Eskimo Scout Battalion, sit quietly during their airlift to Eielson AFB. The scouts are supporting "friendly forces" during the annual winter Joint-Service exercise, Jack Frost 76. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

## Betty Hickling To Bethel For Governor

Lt. Gov. Lowell Thomas, Jr. has announced the appointment of Ms. Betty Hickling to fill the vacancy of the governor's regional office in Bethel. Martin Moore resigned in December.

Gov. Jay Hammond had appointed Thomas at the beginning of his administration to oversee the four offices of the governor.

Ms. Hickling, 45, was born in Aniak. She is well-known throughout the lower Yukon-Kuskokwim area, having visited and worked in most of the villages.

In 1974, she manned the Office of Aircraft Services for the U.S. Department of the Interior in Bethel, working closely with the FAA. She also has worked as a radio operator, dispatcher and secretary for a local flying service.

Betty Hickling has been endorsed as Governor Hammond's Bethel representative by Eddie Hoffman, Bethel mayor and president of the Associated Village Council Presidents, representing some 57 villages in the area.

She will assume her new duties for Governor Hammond and the State of Alaska on Jan. 19.

## Senator Gravel—No urgency for bill

WASHINGTON—With an amendment accepted Wednesday that would delay for one year the enforcement provisions of the Senate bill to extend U.S. fishery limits to 200 miles, Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska; said there is no urgency for enactment of the bill now that could jeopardize an international agreement.

"All we will have done," Gravel told the Senate, "is make an empty declaration that cannot be enforced." He said the "stakes are so great" in obtaining an international agreement through the Law of the Sea Conference which will be meeting in New York in March that passage of the pending bill could "jeopardize everything."

Gravel warned that unilateral action by the United States,

laying claim to fishery resources for 200 miles, could open the way for other nations to make unilateral claims.

He said that although the fishery bill covers only the fish resources, once the U.S. takes the lead in making unilateral claims, there would be no assurance that other nations would not make broader unilateral claims.

The first record votes on amendments to the fish bill are expected tomorrow. Gravel has introduced an amendment which would provide for state development of a fisheries management program with approval by the Secretary of Commerce. It would specify the manner in which regional or national standards established under the act, would be achieved and maintained within the state's zone.

The management plan would provide for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of the regional and national standards for each fishery.

Gravel said that although he is opposed to unilateral extension of U.S. fishery limits he wants to assure that if the bill is enacted into law, Alaska will have primary responsibility for its fisheries management.

When he assumed office, Governor Hammond established the Bethel Governor's office for the first time.

Governor Hammond has three other regional offices. Barbara Shaffer is in charge of the Nome office, Larry Holmstrom runs the Fairbanks office, and Bob Thwing is responsible for the Anchorage office.

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