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FISH GEAR PLAN RUNS INTO SNAG

Aleut League Picks Lekanof As President

The Aleuts of Alaska Peninsula, the Aleutians and the Pribilofs have formed an organization known as the Aleut League.

The new native Alaskan group named Flore Lekanof as its first president; Tikhon Stepetin, St. Paul, first vice president; John Gunderson, Sand Point, second vice president; Rep. Carl E. Moses (R-Unalaska, secretary-treasurer; and Henry Larson, King Cove, sergeant at arms.

The aim of the group is to assure fair treatment to the Aleuts on land claims and aboriginal rights; promotion of cultural heritage and economic development.

The League's organizational meeting took place in Anchorage last week on December 7-8.

The group was addressed by representatives from the Federal Field Committee for Development and Planning

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Personalized Job Assistance Planned for Vets

More than eight hundred veterans from Alaska, expected to be released from military service over the next year, will be offered personalized help under President Johnson's new veterans employment program, S. H. Bowdoin, Alaska State Employment Service Director announced Tuesday.

Each of these veterans will receive a telephone call or a personal visit from a representative of the State Employment Service to determine his or her particular job needs.

The employment service will then offer each veteran individual job-finding assistance, employment counseling, and testing or referral to training or other services to increase his employability.

President Johnson said, "These veterans have served their country well. It is only right that their country serve them as well."

Personalized job assistance, said Mr. Johnson, will help "fulfill our obligation to these young men and women who have served us so well while at the same time meeting a national economic need."

Board Member Thorall, Big Fisheries Industry Protest Limitation

Governor Walter J. Hickel's and State Fish and Game's recent proposal to limit fishing gear in the Bristol Bay area is apparently heading into considerable opposition from the out-of-state commercial fishing industry as well as from Alaskan fishermen.

Ivan Thorall of the Fairbanks Advisory Committee to the State Fish and Game Board, returned recently from attending the Board meeting in Sitka and reported that there was considerable confusion about and opposition to the Governor's proposal.

"The commercial fishing industry operators indicated that their opposition was on the grounds of discrimination in favor of the native people and resident fishermen, and claimed the industry could not operate profitably under the plan," Thorall stated, "and would go to court if necessary to test the constitutionality of the plan if it is adopted and promulgated into the regulations."

Resident fishermen of the

Bristol Bay area also objected to the proposal thinking it would put them out of business or force them to move to other areas.

Out-of-the-area fishermen objected because the plan might cause more fishermen and gear to move into their areas which are already over-gear.

Thorall, speaking only for himself at the Sitka hearing because he has not been provided time to consult his committee, entered a protest on behalf of the people of the Interior and the Arctic.

He told the hearing that although it was important to develop some action to correct the situation in Bristol Bay, it was also important that the opinions of all the people be heard especially on matters pertaining to native rights.

He suggested that the Board examine the Anti-trust laws in an effort to prevent the industry from bringing up "outside" help under a guaranteed income contract that, he said, results in unemployment among the

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LAND TASK FORCE DRAFTING COMMITTEE MEETING AMIABLE

"The meeting with Boyko, as the representative of the State, and Assistant Secretary of the Interior Vaughan with the drafting subcommittee of the Land Claims Task Force has brought agreement on the land claims question closer than at any time in recent years," Rep. Willie Hensley, chairman of the drafting committee, evaluated the results of the meeting last week in Anchorage.

The men Hensley mentioned are: State Attorney General Edgar Boyko and Robert E. Vaughan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Interior for Public Land Management.

"The session started with good harmony with Boyko explaining the two proposed bills, one federal and one state, during which there was discussion and questions," said Hugh Nicholls, member of the drafting from Barrow.

"The three parties involved in the land issue, which is so important to the future development of Alaska, all

realize that resolution of the problem in the near future cannot be accomplished without active cooperation and a certain amount of flexibility," continued Hensley.

He said that a rigid attitude by any one of the three parties will certainly retard a settlement, or worse, completely eliminate the possibility of any solution in the foreseeable future.

"The discussions in Anchorage were fruitful," said Rep. Hensley. "Each

Hooper Bay Sno-go Rider Breaks Finger

(From HOOPER BAY STARLIGHTS)

By VERONICA RIVERS

Sunday morning Johanna Lake left for the hospital, one of her fingers broke when she went riding on a Sno-go.



HELPED REVIVE VILLAGE—Martin Olson played an important role in reestablishing his village of Golovin that all but died away in the middle 1950's. He established a needed village store, supply barge service and an air chartering service of his own. Olson is shown making an appeal to the Nome Employment Development Conference for a larger airport at his village. The present airstrip is only 2,700 feet long which cannot be lengthened because it is built on a spit. "And reindeer—the product is there and all we need is a way to move it," Olson said to the conference and his interviewer.

—Photo by TIMES EDITOR

Village that All But Died Struggles Back

Back in 1950's, the little village of Golovin on Norton Sound practically died on the vine. Today, the tiny settlement is struggling back to life and this time, there

seems to be a perceptible glimmer of hope of a sustaining life in its future.

The resurgent effort of the little village is largely due to a youngish Eskimo man, Martin Olson, a local boy who grew up to be a bush pilot and who now operates his own charter flying service and a general store.

He also operates a barge service in summer and hauls groceries, fuel and other materials that supply his village and villages of White Mountain, Elim and Shaktolik.

SUPPLY BASE

Golovin was a busy little town at the turn of the century when it served as a base of supply for busy gold miners up the Neukluk River at Council.

Sometime during that time, a man by the name of John Dexter settled there and started a trading store. He married an Eskimo woman and they raised John, Jr., Molly and Flora. Dexter died several years ago an old, old man.

"When old John died, the village practically died with him," said Martin Olson. Some families began to move to White Mountain, some moved to Nome and some to Shaktolik.

Olson said the reason was that there was no longer a store in the village.

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