

Selawik Donates \$50 to Aid Flooded

JUNEAU—Three new contributions to assist the flood-ravaged city of Fairbanks have been received by Gov. Walter J. Hickel's office.

The donations were earmarked for the "Fairbanks Reconstruction Donations Program," a special fund set up by the Governor following the Interior Alaska city's devastating flood last month.

Another check came from the Alaskan community of Selawik, where villagers raised \$50 toward the recovery effort in Fairbanks. The check was sent by Selawik resident Ray Skin.

BP Exploration U.S.A. Inc., a New York City firm with offices also in Anchorage, sent the recovery fund a check for \$1,000, with a note saying the company "wishes to give

some assistance toward the people and city of Fairbanks."

From Wilmette, Ill. came a check for \$16.41 and a note from four young members of the Van Hulle family—Lauretta, 11; Rene, 14; Christine, 13, and Evelyn, 3.

The children wrote that after they read newspaper accounts of the flood, they decided to stage a benefit "Fairbanks Alaska Fair" in their back yard.

"We had games at the fair," Lauretta Van Hulle wrote, "and the prizes were some of our old toys and my dad gave us some of his old ties which we sold. We also raffled a cake our mom made for 20 cents a chance."

"We hope this money will help, even a little bit, compared to the great amount needed."

Total donations to the flood to date total about \$6,360.

James Brooks Resigns State Fish And Game Post

James W. Brooks, Acting Director of the Division of Game in the State Fish and Game Department, has tendered his resignation effective September 15, today, according to an announcement by Urban C. Nelson, Commissioner of the Department.

"Mr. Brooks had agreed to stay on and assist with the transition until a new Director was appointed," the Commissioner said. "While a new Director has not yet been selected, Mr. Brooks has fulfilled his commitment and we are grateful for his help."

Commissioner Nelson said Don H. Strode, Federal Aid Coordinator for the Division of Game since 1962, will serve as Acting Director.

Brooks was employed by the Department as Director of the Division of Game in 1957 and has served in that capacity since then.

Interior Department Sends Emergency Aid

Bureau of Indian Affairs Commissioner Robert L. Bennett this week sent word to Senator Gruening that all personnel needed would be sent into the Fairbanks area damaged by flood waters.

He added that the situation for the Natives in Southeast Alaska was worsened due to the bad fishing season.

Congressman Jim Wright (D-Texas), chairman of the House Public Works Special Flood Investigating Subcommittee, which investigated the flooded central Alaska area around Fairbanks, has written to Secretary of

Interior Stewart Udall pointing out that "there is urgent need for the Bureau of Indian Affairs immediately to assign full-time personnel on an emergency basis for the next three weeks to help rehabilitate the flood-ravaged Indian population of the villages of Nenana and Minto on the Tanana River of Alaska."

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SSO Announces Temporary Hrs.

The Social Security Office in Juneau has announced temporary hours for the office in Fairbanks.

"Until further notice, and starting September 15, today, we will have a representative at our old location in the Lathrop Building each Friday," according to Pat O'Marra, district manager for Alaska. "Our man will be available from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, including the noon hour."

O'Marra said those who want can do business with the Juneau Office by mail by writing P.O. Box 1327, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

"We are giving priority to Fairbanks cases, as much as possible," he said.

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