



# 'IFO'S,' NOT 'UFO'S,' AT BETHEL

## State Accused Of Delay On Quitclaim

Any delay in the State of Alaska obtaining title to the land at the Barrow airport is presently being caused by the State, reports Hugh Nicholls, executive director for the Arctic Slope Native Association.

A quitclaim contract on the land was signed last week by ASNA and, at last report, was still in the hands of the State Attorney General's office.

The Bureau of Land Management director for Alaska, Burt Silcock, has given his personal approval to the contract, Nicholls reports. Although the final decision will be made in Washington, the quitclaim will be forwarded there as soon as it is received.

Earlier this week, Gov. Hickel announced that the Arctic Slope Claim might keep the State from obtaining a Federal Aviation Agency allocation of \$1,315,000 to

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## Bethel Tweaks Noses Of UFO Believers By Flying an IFO

Flying saucers are being reported all over the United States, and there are those who believe that they are piloted by visitors to this planet.

When these Unidentified Flying Objects appeared over Bethel recently, Alaskans tracked them down, interviewed their builder, learned the secrets of their operation-

and tweaked the noses of the believers of the "visiting beings" theory.

This year, a number of UFO's have been seen in various Alaskan communities.

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## US Government Asks Dismissal of State Land Suit

The Federal Government has asked the U.S. District Court to dismiss the State's land claims suit.

The motion says, in part, that the Federal Government and the Nenana Indians cannot be sued without their consent. If this is accepted,

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## FNA Elects Richard Frank President

Richard Frank, one of the originators of the Tanana Chiefs' Conference, was elected president of the Fairbanks Native Association this week.

Other officers are outgoing president Jules Wright as the new vice-president; Mrs. Betty Johnson, secretary; Miss Rhoda Foreland, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Georgiana Lincoln, treasurer.

Hugh Fate, Ralph Perdue, Gerald Ivey, Mrs. Dorothy Perdue, and Nicholas Deely were named to the board of directors. The officers, and

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## Job Placement Program Started Here by BIA

A program to put qualified Native Alaskans in touch with employers who have jobs open for their particular skills is being started in Fairbanks by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Bureau is compiling a list of Native Fairbanks residents who are looking for work and it will list their abilities. When the BIA learns

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## She Remembered Purchase of Alaska



114 YEARS OLD - Old, old woman, Dolly Komakhuk, died this month at a Nome nursing home. Dolly had vivid memory of the time when Alaska was purchased from Imperial Russia in 1867. On March 5, last month, Dolly is shown listening to Emma Black, Nome Eskimo woman, who is reading the Bible translating it into Eskimo language.

-REV. D.W. HILDIE Photograph

## Dolly Komakhuk, 114 Years Old, Dies at Nome

Mrs. Dolly Komakhuk, who remembered when the United States purchased Alaska from the Russians, died recently in Nome. She was about 114 years old.

She was born near Council on the Seward Peninsula sometime in 1852. Her family also lived at Norton, Solomon and White Mountain before moving to Nome.

Mrs. Komakhuk spent most of her life in the Norton Sound area, moving to Anchorage in 1950. She later returned to Nome, and was living in a nursing home there when she died. Her husband, Charles, died about 20 years ago.

Her memory was especially keen until a few weeks ago,

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## AFN Constitution Adopted at Meeting

Last Sunday, the new president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Emil Notti of Anchorage, and his first vice president, Dan Wright, also of Anchorage, met with Fairbanks Native Association members and a few other people from other native organizations.

The main topic of discussion was the AFN constitution adopted at the organization's meeting held in Anchorage on April 7-8-9. The Tanana Chiefs also held a meeting on the same weekend.

The meeting brought out what seems to be the general feeling that the meeting at Anchorage was not fully representative of an organization of its magnitude because some of the key members did not attend. It also brought out the feeling that the slate of officers elected were "loaded" with Anchorage area representation.

Some points in the constitution adopted also were questioned. One such point was the section entitled, Basis of Representation, which said, "No proxy votes will be allowed."

Another was Article VIII entitled, Revenues, in which the Sunday meeting surmised that annual, individual membership dues of \$12 dollars per year, or one dollar per month were excessive.

In order that the native people of Alaska may scrutinize the Alaska Federation of Natives Constitution and By-Laws, it is herein printed in its entirety.

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### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES PREAMBLE

We, the Native people of Alaska, in order to secure to ourselves and our descendants the rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws of the United States, and the State of Alaska; to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Native People; to preserve the Native cultural values; to seek an equitable adjustment of Native claims; to seek, to secure, and to preserve our rights under existing laws of the United States; to promote the common

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## State, BIA Efforts Forestall Gasoline Shortage at Gambell

A threatened halt in the annual hunt that provides a winter food supply for Gambell villagers has been forestalled by the combined efforts of the State and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Governor Walter J. Hickel disclosed this week.

The St. Lawrence Islanders, some 50 miles from the Siberian coast, must gather much of their supply of seal, whale and other game after the ice breaks up on the Bering Sea each spring.

This year they appealed for help when they found

themselves disastrously short of gasoline. The fuel is needed to power the boats used during the spring hunt.

Normally, an entire year's supply of fuel and oil is brought to the village annually in a single shipment.

The villagers sought the help of the State, the BIA and Alaska's Congressional Delegation to have extra gas flown to Gambell.

Through the efforts of the State Rural Development Agency a Nome hunter and guide, Ed Shepherd, volunt-

eered to loan the villagers 20 to 25 barrels of fuel for hunting purposes.

In mid-April Hickel said the Seattle office of the Alaska Native Industries Cooperative Association authorized Gambell to purchase its much-needed gas and oil locally—that is from Nome, some 200 air-miles away.

The ANICA is a function of the BIA and sponsors the operation of a store at Gambell.

Coincidentally, Major

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