

Expected Sale of Dutch Harbor Has Been Postponed Temporarily

Dutch Harbor's sale has apparently been temporarily postponed, according to Edwin B. Crittenden, executive director of the Alaska State Housing Authority.

Crittenden said he had talked with officials of the General Services Administration in Auburn, Washington, Tuesday. They had proposed to review sale of the former Navy base in light of planning work prepared by ASHA at the request of Unalaska.

GSA plans to sell some 5,300 acres adjacent to the fishing community. Unalaska now has about 200 residents, and expects to grow as more

canning and processing plants develop there.

City leaders want to insure private developments which will help the community grow in an organized manner, and to provide for streets and utilities.

Sale of the former base had been planned for Monday. ASHA, the Federal Field Committee, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Farmers Home Administration, and Rep. Carl Moses and other state officials have been working with the community to insure that the Dutch Harbor sale will help community development.

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ment programs.

Senator Kennedy noted that a common complaint heard throughout the hearings was that Indians were not allowed to determine their own destiny.

"I take it what we need is a whole change of attitude not just more money for more programs," stated Kennedy. "The White men came in and made a paternalistic judgment of Indian education, never consulting the Indians. They assuaged their conscience by putting Indian children in boarding

schools."

Asked about the NCAP's feeling on Federal boarding schools for Indian children, Belindo stated that when a child is taken from his home environment he is separated from other educational processes such as interaction with parents, friends, and the community as a whole.

"No one here would like to see their young children put in a school hundreds of miles from home."

Senator Kennedy, father of ten, replied, "Sometimes I'm tempted."

Tuntutuliak Applies to Fund Head Start Program

(From TUNTUTULIAK NEWS)

A village meeting was held on Dec. 7 to discuss filing an application for a funded Headstart Program here next year.

At the meeting it was decided that the village could provide a building for Headstart classes if the program is funded, and the council has made out the application and filed it with the Alaska State Community

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to use the newspaper, the Tundra Times, as a study guide."

Miss Keene said she and Mr. Joli Morgan, a VISTA Volunteer, have signed up 60 adults in the village of Kasigluk for the classes.

Then Ina Keene inquired whether Tundra Times might be able to furnish 65 copies for the class.

"If they could all be of the same date, it would be a great help," she said.

A bundle of the December 8 issue of the Times is now on the way to Kasigluk.

Miss Keene hastened to add that they have also started a small library in the village.

"This is, as far as I know, the first real library we have ever had and, already, the few books we do have are becoming 'well used.' Would you let your readers know of our need for books," Miss Keene requested. "We need books of all kinds but especially books for our young teenagers."

Book donations can be addressed to Ina Keene, NYC Teaching and Library Aid, Kasigluk, Alaska 99609.

Unique Gift . . .

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special Christmas presentation.

Some patients already had gone back home by the time the project was completed. Others had to spend their holiday at the Center away from family and close friends.

Traditionally, the people in Anchorage have prepared treats and entertainments for those hospitalized at this and other seasons.

These stories and other contributions by the patients were in small measure a sharing of Christmas with the community.

The nature of this special gift will go far beyond the initial publication, for the glimpse of village life will be cherished by readers who have little knowledge of these old or distant customs but who have much appreciation for Native life and ways.

Those who contributed to the project and their home villages are: Daniel Alowa, Savoonga; John Nevak, Bethel; Simon Pilot, Nulato; Thomas Sheppard, Mountain Village;

Marfa Fratis, St. Paul Island; Pribilofs; Jessie Lee, Kotzebue; Catherine Moses, Allakaket; Bert Patterson, Noorvik; Josephine Smith, Belkofsky; Jacob Stalker Jr., Kotzebue;

Dorothy Epchook, Kwethluk; Joseph Seton, Hooper Bay; Ellen Wells, Fort Yukon; and Minnie Tucker, originally of Rocky Point (near Golovin) but who now lives in Fairbanks.

Action Program.

The council has also applied for help from ASCAP in constructing a community building in which Headstart classes can be held.

At the Dec. 7 meeting it was also decided that the 4-H Club will not be allowed

to show any more movies to the village.

And it was resolved that the 9 p.m. weekday curfew should be more strictly enforced by the council, and that those playing basketball at the Armory must obey the curfew.

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favor of the Division of Lands. Steve De Lizio, our lawyer, has advised us that there are no further legal steps we can take. Which action is as regrettable to him as it is to us.

Our fight is over and we lost as far as re-instatement to my job is concerned. But we did make some points in the overall picture, 1, the George Lake area was not sold out from under the Tanacross Indians. 2, The land disposal policy and attitude of the Division of Lands is now under scrutiny by the Legislative Council. 3, Most important, as a result of your coverage of this and other stories, the Natives of Alaska have been alerted, and are now joining forces in an attempt to get their fair share of the land and its resources.

We wish to thank you and your staff for the news coverage over the past 2½ years, and Sheila Turner for her accurate covering of the hearing. Thank you again, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
/s/ R. D. Mueller
/s/ Jerry Maye Mueller
Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Mueller

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spurred on by the amicable meeting of the Land Task Force Drafting Committee, the State, and government officials, is making the move to enroll the Alaska native people.

The meeting was held earlier this month in Anchorage on December 6-7-8. The conditions proposed and agreed to by the meeting members are as follows:

1) To accept five to ten per cent of the oil lease royalties from the Outer Continental Shelf in lieu of, or in place of, the Court of Claims compensation proceedings.

2) To accept a thousand acres per person per village for township with the option to take land and full title, or, in trust and have as trustee the tribal association or the Secretary of the Interior if so desired.

Individual village rolls on the acreage proposed would also include those people whose origin was in that village but who are not currently living there.

3) To accept 25 per cent of all revenues derived from all state selections.

4) To accept an initial grant of \$20 million as an advance on revenues anticipated from the Outer Continental Shelf developments. This, it was proposed, would be repaid by withholding no more than 50 per cent of the yearly offshore revenues until repayment was complete.

5) To ask that state land selections be allowed to include up to additional 25 million acres from federal lands to offset the 25 per cent of such lands that would be given to the native people and out of which the native people would receive one quarter share.

6) Compensation proceedings would be sought in the Court of Claims and Indian Claims Commission for lands already taken if Congress rejects the offshore plan proposal.

The Drafting Committee members also thought that the Alaska Native Claims Commission as proposed by the State, was somewhat cumbersome with the native lands being subject to trust status and that a simpler method of land transfer be urged.

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The following state and federal government officials attended this month's Anchorage meeting:

Robert Vaughan, Assistant Secretary of the Interior; Burke Riley, Field Coordinator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Hugh J. Wade, Regional Solicitor for the Department of the Interior; and Edgar P. Boyko, Attorney General, State of Alaska.

The following are the members of the Land Task Force Drafting Committee:

State Rep. Willie Hensley, chairman of the drafting committee and member of the Northwest Alaska Native Association; Emil Notti, president, Alaska Federation of Natives;

Donald Wright, president, Cook Inlet Native Association; Byron Mallott, president, Five Chiefs of Yakutat; Hugh Nicholls, first vice president, Arctic Slope Native Association;

Harvey Samuelson, Bristol Bay Native Association; Richard Frank, president, Fairbanks Native Association; Alice Brown, Kenaitze Indian Association. John Borbridge, Jr., president, Tlingit-Haida Central Council;

Charles Franz, president, Alaska Peninsula Native Association; attorney Clifford Groh, legal counsel; and attorney Barry Jackson, legal counsel.

The Drafting Committee has again met this week on Wednesday and Thursday in Anchorage.

The next meeting of the entire Land Task Force Committee has been tentatively set for January 11-12 in Juneau when the findings of its subcommittee will be reviewed.

On February 8-9-10, Interior and Insular Affairs Committee land claims hearings will be held in Anchorage. Sen. Henry M. Jackson of the State of Washington will be chairman of the proceedings.

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