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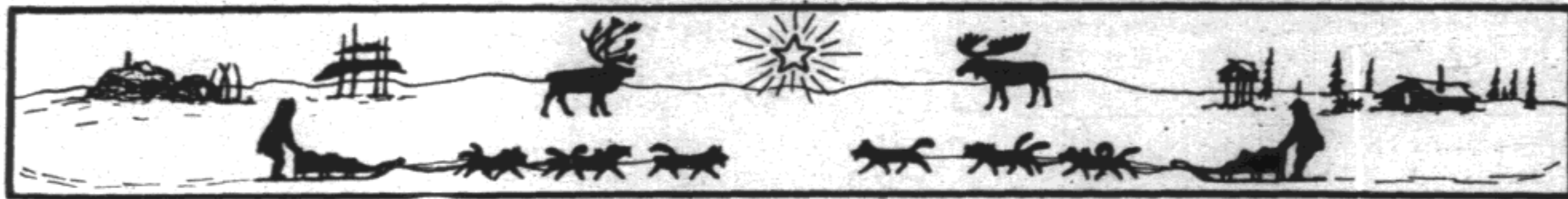
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Famous Actor Coming But Movie Work May Hinder

Native Leader's Family Murdered In Kodiak

A stark tragedy hit the president of the Kodiak Area Native Association when it was discovered that his wife and two small children had been murdered in Kodiak.

Thomas (Tom) Gregoroff got the tragic news as he was recovering from a non-malignant brain tumor operation in a Seattle hospital that his wife Kathleen, 23, Melissa, 3, and Genni, 1, had been murdered.

It had been thought at first that Mrs. Gregoroff and her two children had died when their home burned but investigation of the triple death revealed that Mrs. Gregoroff had been shot in the head with a .45 caliber pistol and that she and her two children were already dead when the fire started in their home.

Kodiak Police Chief Jack Rhines, who was assisted in his investigation by Ron Hendrie, a state fire marshall, said they are holding two persons considered as suspects in the case.

Tom Gregoroff took over the presidency of KANA when its first president, Harry Carter, stepped down. Gregoroff is well known among the native leaders in Alaska.



COULD BE KEYNOTER—Famed actor, Vincent Price, tells the Tundra Times, "All this time since your fine letter arrived I've been trying to see if it was in any way possible for me to set the date of October 4th so I could surely be with you." Tundra Times directors will keep an open date thinking Price will indeed be able to attend the newspaper's banquet in Anchorage on October 4, 1969 to be the keynoter, providing his movie schedule allows him to travel.

Famous movie idol, Vincent Price, has tentatively accepted the Tundra Times' invitation to keynote the newspaper's banquet in Anchorage on October 4, 1969.

In his letter to Tundra Times editor Howard Rock, Price said he has been trying in any way possible to set

the date of October 4 "so I could surely be with you."

He said so far he has had no luck because his manager tells him he cannot predict Price's movie schedule that far in advance.

"I am most anxious to come and will of course make every effort to do so but at the same time I realize it makes it difficult for you to make any plans," Vincent Price said. "If you feel it is impossible on such a tentative basis I will of course under-

stand."

Members of the Tundra Times board of directors thought that the newspaper should keep the date open saying that there was a good chance that the famous movie star would be available on that date.

The theme of the Tundra Times Anchorage banquet is, "The Cultural Contributions of the Native People of Alaska."

Vincent Price, besides being widely known throughout the world as a movie actor, is a prominent art connoisseur. He is also chairman of the national Arts and Crafts Board of the Department of the Interior.

Arts and Crafts Board recommends programs to the Interior Department on the development and promotion of native arts in the nation. This, of course, includes the Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts of Alaska.

It was Price's connection with Interior Department's Arts and Crafts Board that prompted Editor Howard Rock and the Tundra Times board of directors to try to get the famous actor to address the banquet audience.

In connection with the banquet, tentative plans are to as-

Gravel to Open Office Here

U.S. Sen. Mike Gravel visited Fairbanks last week to attend the annual Goldpanners banquet. While here he announced his intention to open an office in the city.

The office workload will be split between Terry Brady and Sam Kito, Jr., the latter being an Alaskan native, and other volunteers.

Both Brady and Kito were active in Gravel's successful successful senatorial campaign. Gravel said the office would provide

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Holy Cross Children Show Rare Form in Making Up Posters

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By BETZI WOODMAN

School children at Holy Cross are well-acquainted with what to do—and not do—in order to be healthy. This was demonstrated vividly when the youngsters showed posters and drawings on the subject at a Health Convention held in the city's Community Center.

Panny Alexie, president of Holy Cross City Council, coordinated arrangements with the school for the unique activity in response to an invitation from the Alaska Area Native Health Service to observe National Family Health Week as proclaimed by President Johnson for Nov. 17-23.

Each community in the state was notified of the special week with an invitation to observe it,

if the people wished, in any manner they chose.

The children, drawing on their personal observations and experience in village life as well as information taught through various health programs, expressed their ideas in striking illustrations.

The importance of cleanliness, for example, was pictured by contrasting the happy attractive boy who "likes to put on clean clothes," with an obviously messy type who is "wrong" because he doesn't like to put on clean clothes.

Other similar contrasts portray a joyful figure in a "clean house" who says "I am full of pep because I wash up all the time." The less attractive girl in

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Sackett Says Rural Phones Will Be Reality Within Year

State Rep. John Sackett, R-District 15, announced from Juneau this week that a new telephone system will become a reality in rural areas within a

year.

Sackett said he learned this from a meeting with Hiram Tuttle, chief of the commercial division, and Gerald Marsh, both of the Alaska Communication System in Seattle, Wash.

"Rural Radios," a system of VHF radio-telephone communication which will be linked into the existing White Alice communication system will begin by linking 16 villages in the Nome-Kotzebue area as an initial start for a statewide program.

In making the announcement, Rep. Sackett stated that similar telephones are presently being used in Galena and at Tanana with the local White Alice stations and that these have proved highly satisfactory.

The advantage of the new program will be direct and free contact between villages. However, the villagers will have to pay for long distance calls to

Fairbanks and Anchorage and to other localities in other states. John Sackett also disclosed that the equipment was already on order by ACS and that it was anticipated that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Public Health Service, and the State of Alaska will contribute in order to pay for the equipment and maintenance over a ten year period.

Efforts are presently being made by Rep. Sackett to include an appropriation in this year's budget.

"The introduction of this new concept in communication into the rural areas will be of tremendous benefit to all citizens and will greatly shorten the distances between villages," said Sackett.

"But perhaps," he added, "the greatest benefit will be the direct contact with hospitals in cases of emergencies and this contact will not be dependent on the weather conditions."

MUCH DONE SAYS NOTTI

Obtaining Interior Secretary Walter Hickel's pledge to continue the land "freeze" and having Senator Henry Jackson's promise to push claim legislation this year were the most important achievements of the AFN delegation in Washington, according to Emil Notti, AFN President. The "freeze" will continue through December, 1970, unless land claims legislation is enacted earlier.

Notti said the delegation would not have been sent if the

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