Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton has confirmed the appointment of Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times, as one of the commissioners of Interior Department's Arts and Crafts Roard

sioners of Interior Department's Arts and Crafts Board.
Rock will serve in that capacity until July 7, 1974.
Secretary Morton in his conformation letter said: "Your acceptance of my invitation to serve as a Commissioner of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board has been received and it is my

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great pleasure to confirm your appointment through July 7,

pletion with the upmost involve-

ment of Native and Alaskan peoples, whether or not it is decided to place the funds in the University of Alaska budget."

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On Arts and Crafts Board—

### University Sees No Way of Funding Imuruk Project

COLLEGE-The University of Alaska is less than Alaska is less than enthused about funding a study of Imuruk Basin and the now abandoned Eskimo village of Mary's Igloo out of this year's budget.

The project, undertaken by Laural Bland, to preserve the history of the Arctic region, was originally to be sponsored by Alaska Methodist University but fell through for lack of legisla-

tive funding.
Sen. Willie Hensley of Kotzebue then wrote U of A suggesting their budget was gene-rous enough for the job.
"Since the project was not

"Since the project was not a University project, Mrs. Bland was not a University employee, and since no legislative instructions had been received by the University, every dollar of the University's anticipated resources had already been allocated," resided Harald A. Purd eventure. plied Harold A. Byrd, executive director, Budget Development and Legal Affairs at the college.

Byrd conceded that their appropriation "was generous in

view of the general State finan-cial picture" but said pressures from continuing and expanding instructional programs in South-central and Southeastern Alaska, together with maintenance of new facilities, debt service and salary adjustment, consumed the

salary adjustment, consumed the university funds.

He denied a charge by Hensley that the University had virtually ignored the study of subjects in its own back yard.

"The Board of Regents does

regard very seriously its obliga-tion to engage in research acti-vities which insure to the bene-fits of Alaskans...I am sure you are aware of the long history of University of Alaska involvement in the archaeological, an-thropological, educational and sociological research with the problems peculiar to Alaska," he

And he left an opening.
"It may be that in another year the University may be able to take on the Imuruk Basin Project and we have ascertained that if so all hands who may be involved will be most anxious to work with you on planning well for it and securing its com**Appointment Confirmed** 

The board has been under the chairmanship of Vincent Price, famed movie actor and art collector. Price is seeking re-newal of his appointment as chairman from Secretary Mor-

on. His latest four-year tenure expired on July 7.
Other commissioners of the board are: Lloyd New, Royal Hassrick, and Paul Huldermann.

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## Pipeline Shutdown ...

tives in Southeastern Alaska. When queried, however, the Pu-When queried, however, the Public Information Office, Head-quarters, U.S. Army, Alaska, admitted a protest had been received and had prompted an investigation of the facility.

The protest was initiated by Southeastern Alexa Companying.

Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program at a board

"The line broke about last September in the Haines area," recalls Gordon Jackson, execu-

recalls Gordon Jackson, carried it is director of the agency.

"They shoved the matter under their desk but the people applaining their fish began complaining their fish tasted like oil and that the pipeline was very deteriorated in some areas.

"Steve Hotch of Klukwan and Mrs. Paul Phillips of Haines were particularly concerned. According to the description we got from Hotch, a petroleum product spilled into a little pond and then was pumped right out into the river."

Noting that the Tlingit people Noting that the Tlingit people from Klukwan and Haines do considerable subsistance fishing from the Chilkoot River and that the pipeline parallels that water from some distance, SEA-Cap passed a resolution requesting the office of the Governor to investigate the line and make a public environmental report

a public environmental report.
Copies were dispatched to the military as well and replies were received saying the matter would be looked into.

SEACap has yet to receive official notice but a military spokesman reports the line will be out of use by the 15th of this

month.
"We're busy cleaning the line

and pumping it out," the PIO office announced. "First we use a petroleum buffer, than alcohol then a chaser of water. We want to be sure when we're all done that nothing comes out of that

line but pure water!"

According to the original announcement a long section of the line will be put on a stand-by basis for emergency use, but spokesmen know of no plans

for repair.
"I think they'll make an inventory of the weak spots and maybe use some of the Fair-banks-Haines line for an Anchorage-Wittier line we also operate a Public Information officer said

The 8-inch line was built in 1954 and 1955 at a cost of \$38 million under supervision of the Army Corps of Engineers to carry petroleum products-mainly JP4 aircraft fuel-to Interior Alaska military installations. It snakes 626 miles between Haines and Fairbanks crossing mountain passes as high as 7,000 feet and crossing 26 major rivers.

Major General Hollingsworth

Major General Hollingsworth stated that the line has actually outlived its programmed life, "Although it is still in good condition generally the southern 40 miles or so which part is buried, needs rehabilitation and that is very expensive," he added A report by the Army's Alaska petroleum directorate, made public earlier this year, said the line is in a "deteriorating" condition generally, especially from corrosion to the buried portion in Canada.

in Canada

It noted the line has withstood earthquakes, floods, ero-sion and corrosion, subzero temperatures and vandalism but also that it has been the source of more than a dozen documented

more than a dozen documented spills ranging up to 4,000 barrels.

A 432 mile segment of the line between Haines and Tok will be closed but the terminal at Tok and Fort Wainwright will remain in service providing a third means of supplying fuel to Eielson Air Force Base. The preliminary transportation means will be via rail and highway ship-ments, the Army said.

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