

HUGH NICHOLLS EYING U.S. SENATE SEAT

Hugh Nicholls of Barrow, now working and living at Nome, has declared his intentions to run for United States Senate and run in the primaries against Sen. Ernest Gruening, State Sen. Robert

R. "Bob" Blodgett, and possibly Mike Gravel.

All four men are avowed Democrats.

"I seriously think that if the race is split among four people, my chances are very

good," said Nicholls this week.

Nicholls said that he has considered that Alaska needs a senator who is basically interested in the state.

"We need a pork and beans

Senator interested in the basic Alaska problems because we already have a statesman in Sen. E. L. Bartlett in Washington," stated Nicholls.

Nicholls also disclosed

that Ernest Nylin of Elim might enter the race for the State House of Representatives against the incumbent Rep. Tom Balone, D-Nome, and Lester Bronson of the

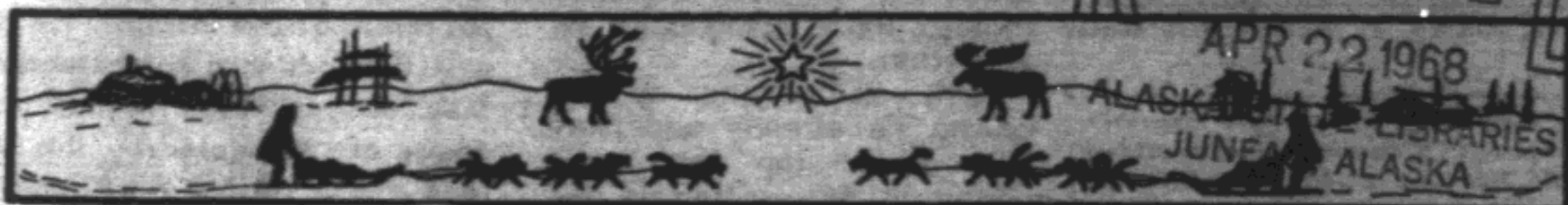
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NEW LAND BILL IN PROCESS

AFN Board To Meet Apr. 27-28

The Alaska Federation of Natives' president, Emil Notti, has called a board of directors meeting of the organization in Anchorage on April 27-28.

The board will consider the recent events concerning native land claims, among them the Alaska State Legislature's passing of the bill 672.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 39 to 1, while the Senate went into the record by passing by 16 to 4.

"This record clearly signifies the unanimous support of all Alaska in our effort to resolve the land issue on the federal level," said Don Wright in his letter of invitation to the AFN board.

Don Wright is the first vice president of the organization.

Wright also included in his invitation the pertinent excerpts from President Lyndon Johnson's message to the Congress about the status of the American Indians.

Included in these is the President's call to Congress for early action on the native land claims in Alaska and his recommendations that

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Editorial—

The Need to Avoid Political Pitfalls

The political awakening and its evidence among our native people has become quite clear within the last few years in Alaska. It is, indeed, a fine thing to behold. It is a harbinger of things to come but, if it is to be, it must be nursed along like an infant that it is, nurtured, coddled and disciplined by turns until it flowers into maturity. We must look to it for its talents and develop those talents so it will work for us with skill and resoluteness if it is to serve us well. We must develop it so it can recognize selfish motives. It should not be a stepping stone for self development for power. Instead, its power should develop our leadership.

Political applications are complex and sometimes cruelly misleading. Many people who wield its mechanisms are skilled. Many of them are masters of

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BOARD MEMBER—Congressman Howard W. Pollock is posing with Miss Rhoda Forslund with the background of the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D. C. Rhoda, shortly before she left for Washington to become secretary to Pollock, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Tundra Times.

Rhoda Goes to Washington

Rhoda Forslund of Fairbanks and Kotzebue recently

joined Congressman Pollock's staff in Washington, D. C. as secretary.

A lifelong Alaskan Rhoda was born in Candle on the Seward Peninsula, at the age of three her family moved to Kotzebue where her mother still makes her home.

Educated in Kotzebue, she graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School where she served as Secretary to the National Honor Society, Secretary of the Student Council and

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On to Harvard

A Nome Eskimo young man has been accepted at Harvard University. He is Ed Morris Milligrock, a senior at Nome High School. He will enter Harvard in the fall.

Milligrock will enter the university with a full scholarship. Harvard is considered as the top institution of learning in the nation.

Ed received his acceptance papers last Monday at Nome. He has also attended courses in the Upward Bound program

Bill Said to Contain Some Same Proposals As in Senate Bill 1964

John Borbridge, president of the Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska Central Council, recently made a trip to Washington, D. C. He drew up a report of his findings to the delegates of his organization to the upcoming convention in Juneau on April 25-26-27.

Based on discussions with various Congressmen and high ranking Congressional committee officials it appears, Borbridge reported, that there is, apparently, going to be a new land bill to be reported by the Interior Department and which would be cleared by the Bureau of the Budget.

It would then be referred to Senate and House Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs.

This action is expected to take place today in Washington.

It was also rumored that the

new bill would call for a flat \$200 million for land compensation.

Borbridge said that the new bill will apparently contain some of the same proposals that were in the Interior bill S.1964. He stated:

"It appears, as to the land, that the Department of the Interior will propose, as it did in that reprehensible document, S.1964, that each village will be granted title to not in excess of 50,000 acres.

"Further, individual villages will receive title to surface rights but benefits derived from the minerals will be reserved to the area corporations."

The new bill, Borbridge said, as to the Outer Continental Shelf revenues, will fix a dollar ceiling limitation

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Urges Wires, Letters In Favor of S.2906

The Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska late last month sent out an urgent call to its members of the organization that messages be sent to all key people in the U.S. government urging passage of the native land claims bill.

President of the organization, John Borbridge, declared in part:

"...You are urged to send letters or telegrams, or both,

as promptly as possible as follows in order that we might obtain early consideration and action with respect to S.2906 and the identical companion bill, H.R.15049."

Borbridge singled out President Lyndon Johnson that messages be sent to him regarding land matters.

"...The President should respectfully be urged to give his personal support so that the bill may be entered as promptly as possible during the current session of Congress," he said.

Borbridge urged that messages be sent to Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall:

"The communications," he said, "to Secretary Udall should, in substance, respectfully urge that he send his report on S.2906 and H.R.15049 to Congress as promptly as possible and that he give his full support to the provisions of the bill."

Borbridge mentioned others: The Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, chairman, Interior

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