

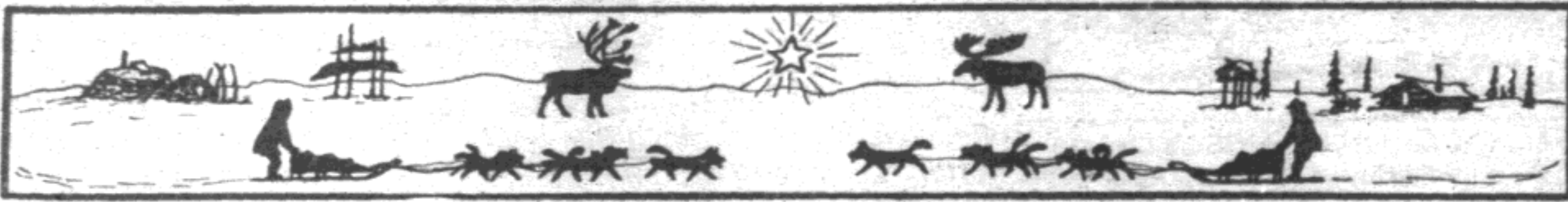
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Borbridge Reviews AFN Activities

By JOHN BORBRIDGE, JR.

THE ALASKA Federation of Natives has established a Washington office in response to the advice and urging of general council Justice Arthur J. Goldberg. Both Justice Goldberg and associate council, former Attorney General Ramsey Clark have insisted that the best salesmen for the Native cause are the elected Native spokesmen themselves.

WITH THE expectation that the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee may be reporting a bill out before Christmas, it became apparent that the task of educating the respective Senators and their administrative assistants was of immediate priority.

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State Pressured On Alaska Native Commission

The state administration of Gov. Keith H. Miller is meeting growing pressure from state legislators and other prominent persons to form a seven member Alaska Native Commission.

The pressure stems from the fact that an act was passed in 1968 which called for creation of such a commission "if no legislation has been enacted by Congress by April 15, 1969."

Nine months have passed since that designated date but Miller's administration has not acted.

Gov. Miller's Secretary of State Robert Ward instead contends that that law is null and void. He said the commission was authorized only if land claims legislation was enacted by Congress.

He contends that the bill authorized the state to take part in the land claims settlement but only if the federal land freeze in Alaska was lifted by October 10, 1968. He said the freeze has not been lifted so the act is null and void.

The act states: "... If no legislation has been enacted by Congress by April 15, 1969, creating a commission to act in the matter of Alaska Native Land Claims, Secs - 30 - 130 of this chapter, becomes operable immediately."

The Declaration of Intent contained in Section 1 also states: "It is the policy of the State of Alaska to join with the federal government in a legislative effort to provide a fair, speedy and equitable method for the settlement and satisfaction of the Alaska native land claims."

"It is the position of the state that in accomplishing this purpose it is in the public interest to minimize procedural delays, remove technical obstacles, to create a public body composed of residents of Alaska with power to process, determine, and

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DEE OLIN

DEE OLIN, UA QUEEN CANDIDATE

COLLEGE—Dee Olin a 1969 graduate of Copper Valley School and now a freshman anthropology major at the University of Alaska, has been nominated for the title of Miss University of Alaska.

Miss Olin is one of six candidates competing for the title. The winner will be crowned at the Christmas coronation dinner-dance Dec. 13, tomorrow.

Miss Olin is the daughter of Mrs. Lillian Olin of Fairbanks.

Hensley Raps Business Clique On Clouding Land Claims Issue

Rep. William L. (Willie) Hensley this week leveled charges this week against a segment of the business community in Alaska of clouding the issue of the native land claims.

Saying that this is the crucial period for land claims legislation, and one which should command the attention of all Alaskans, Hensley said that "recognizing this we have committed ourselves to an even handed effort to educate all Alaskans about native land rights."

"We have tried," he went on, "to prevent the polarization of the citizens of our state along radical lines because we know that after this matter is settled, we must all live and work together for a better future."

"Recently, however, some segments of the Alaska business community have launched an effort to cloud the issues and raise unjustifiable fears about the settlement we seek and our legislative program."

Hensley, who is now executive director of the Alaska Feder-

ation of Natives, stated that reports are now reaching the AFN that "these businessmen of limited vision are threatening and pressuring our congressional delegation to cease their efforts to work out a compromise land

Sen. Jackson Aims to Get Land Bill Out of Committee Before Christmas

According to John Borbridge, Sen. Henry Jackson, chairman of the Senate Interior Committee, is very serious about getting the native land claims bill out of the committee before Christmas.

Jackson has set aside Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week for specific work by the committee on the claims issue. Once the bill is out of the committee, it is expected that the Senate will start work on it shortly after the holiday recess.

Board members of the Alaska Federation of Natives have begun to go to Washington to be on hand during land deliberations.

Major Bush Airlines Double Shipping Rate On Village Machines

By SUSAN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Opposition to increased air freight rates on snow machines was raised recently by the Alaska Native Industries Co-operative Association in letters to the state's three congressional representatives.

Submitting a copy of the letter to the Tundra Times, ANICA manager Donald S. Dorsey wrote, "We don't know if it is possible to change the freight rates or not, but we hope it will at least be reviewed by the airlines."

Referring to Alaska and Wien Consolidated Airlines, Dorsey noted that freight rates on snowmobiles had doubled during the past two years.

A spokesman for Wien Consolidated explained that the increase was approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington on the basis that it was necessary in order for the company to maintain a reasonable profit.

Snowmobiles, he continued, have only been an item of trans-

port to the villages for the last four or five years.

When they first came out the company accepted them at half the rate it cost the airlines because only a few were going.

Then, when business increased, he added, and a plane was filled with nothing but snowmachines "we had to double the rate to break even."

The expense in transporting them, the spokesman said, is due primarily to their bulkiness and the fact that they take up a lot of space.

The approximate cost for shipping a 300 pound snowmobile from Fairbanks to Point

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Letter to Editor—Airman's Rebuttal to Prisoner Cruelty Story

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer of the following letter says that he has personal knowledge of some of the events discussed.)

The TUNDRA TIMES will make every attempt to print readers' views on this matter, particularly views of those who may have personal or eyewitness knowledge of these events, whether or not their information agrees with or disputes our original article or the following letter.)

By SGT' PATRICK
A. McKELLEY

Galena Air Force Base

I am writing this letter in reference to the "Prisoner Cruelty" article in the November 21st issue of Tundra Times.

You printed one side of the story, the blind side. Now will you have the decency to print this side of the issue told by a person who was there and saw it happen?

Fr. Convert and Franklin Madros had some good points in their statements, but were either of these men present when this chaining incident occurred? No, they were not. Sir, it never ceases to amaze me how much a person can see from so far away.

In referring to the chainings, Fr. Convert was quoted as saying, "Is this the way to insure respect? ... And what about their own dignity and respect? What about their wives and children?" Tell me sir, how can a person who would steal gasoline or assault someone expect to have any dignity and respect? Of course

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