

APPOINTEES STUDY SALARIES

JUNEAU—The appointment of three prominent Alaskans to a special committee to study salaries in the judicial and executive branches of state government was announced by Gov. Walter J. Hickel's office this week.

The committee members are

Sen. Carl Brady of Anchorage; Robert McFarland of Anchorage, president-emeritus to the Alaska State Federation of Labor; and Fred Eastaugh, a Juneau attorney.

The committee's study will be limited to the salaries of Supreme Court, superior court

judges, the Governor, the Secretary of State and members of the cabinet.

The first meeting of the committee will be held in Anchorage on December 20.

Hickel Appoints Jim Couch to Safety Council

Appointment of James S. (Jim) Couch to the Alaska Safety Council by Governor Walter J. Hickel was announced last Friday noon with the presentation of a certificate of appointment to Couch during the weekly Republican luncheon meeting at Travelers Inn. George D. Walton, chairman of the Republican Central District committee, made the presentation.

Couch, a twenty year resident of Alaska, has been active in safety education programs here and throughout the State for the past fifteen years.

For several years he has served the Fairbanks Health and Safety Council as executive director.

He was one of the founders of the Interior Fire Chiefs Association and is a member of the Interior Fire Chiefs Association.

He is a member of the board of directors and a past president of the Alaska Tuberculosis Association.

Sen. Bartlett Passes

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Many Alaskans think that Bartlett, more than any one man, has done great things for Alaska.

Sen. Bartlett was a man of humble beginnings. He worked as a miner and for a time as a journalist.

He later became a delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives when Alaska was under a territorial status.

When Alaska became a state in 1959, Bartlett was elected U.S. Senator, the office he held until his death last Wednesday.

Words of shock and praise for the Alaska Senator have been coming from all over the country.

On November 21, Sen. Bartlett underwent a surgery to correct an arterial blockage involving the heart. The surgery was thought to be successful and the senator began to show improvement.

He later suffered a relapse and was near death for several days. He finally succumbed to his illness Wednesday, ending a brilliant career in public life.

He is survived by his wife Vide and two daughters, Susan Bartlett and Doris Riley.

Sen. Bartlett will be buried here in Fairbanks Saturday, a city in which he was raised.

Kake Land Crisis . . .

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area.

The Kake land crisis was quickly smoothed over by a fast protest by the residents led by Kake Mayor Phillip Carlson and by the surprisingly swift action by the United States through the offices of the Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall and his deputy assistant secretary Robert Vaughan.

When the crisis arose, Mayor Carlson immediately contacted John Borbridge, president of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians.

Borbridge immediately consulted with Ted Bingham and townsite trustee George Gustafson of the BLM. The two men told Borbridge that the most feasible course might be to ask for immediate withdrawal of the area from all forms of entry.

Borbridge and Kake residents sent a request for such action on November 29 and the Interior Department acted on the matter on December 3.

"The situation was resolved with a dramatic suddenness with the announcement by Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior Robert Vaughan on Tuesday, December 3, that Secretary Udall had exercised administrative authority to withdraw the Kake townsite areas from all forms of appropriation for settlement."

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Charlie Edwardsen and many others regarding the impact of the oil industry on the North Slope.

It was brought out that a pipeline above ground could very easily stop the traditional migration of caribou across the slope thereby making it impossible for people to hunt, and many were concerned that from previous actions of drilling on the North Slope in the 1940's that the few rivers that the Eskimos have to fish in would soon become polluted with oil and chemicals from the oil wells.

Sam Taalak expressed dismay that no one was being hired from Barrow where over 250 residents are available for employment and many are skilled as carpenters, cat skimmers, and truck drivers.

To alleviate this problem the ASNA is requesting a permanent state employment office at Barrow so that the people on the slope do not have to travel to Fairbanks or Anchorage in order to be hired.

Eli Reyes, employee for the Dept. of Labor was taking applications and will be contacting the oil industry with regard to employment.

In ending the meeting the association requested a meeting with the Board of Directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives to work on possible amendments on the present land claims legislation.

John Sackett was present as a delegate of the AFN and the Tundra Times and Peter Three Stars and Bill Metis represented BIA. Tom Brower of Barrow acted as the interpreter.

Another meeting of the ASNA will be called next month to elect a 1st and 3rd vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and Sgt. at arms.

said John Borbridge.

"Kake," Borbridge continued, "which anticipates the visit of a townsite planner in the spring, will now have the time to plan for the orderly development of the area in a manner consistent with optimum land use."

Along with the request for action by Secretary Udall, the assistance of the Alaska delegation in Washington, D.C. was asked by Borbridge and Kake residents.

These included Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett's staff, Congressman Howard Pollock, and Senator-elect Mike Gravel.

Also asked was Central Council I.S. Weissbrodt of Washington, D.C., and officials of the Anchorage Bureau of Land Management.

Borbridge said that the Central Council was doing more research on the subject of townsites, and the results of these will be made known at a future date.

Colorado Pupil Wants Pen Pals

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Dear Editor:

Our class would like to have some pen pals from Alaska if we possibly could.

If we can we would like to have them 4th graders. Our teacher is from Alaska and she has a newspaper from there. We read the article about the diary from the Tundra Times newspaper.

We would really like you to print this in your paper so parents could read it and tell their children that we want pen pals. Then perhaps they would want to be a pen pal.

The name of our school is Wilmot Elementary School. Our town is Evergreen, Colorado.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Kirkpatrick
Mrs. Merson's Class Grade 4th
Evergreen, Colorado 80439

Nixon Appoints . . .

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Udall's inposition of the land freeze on much of Alaska's land area that is encompassed by native land claims.

Secretary Udall has sought to keep the freeze on until Congress acts on the solution to claims and awards made to the native people on lands lost.

The press in Alaska is speculating at the moment that the land freeze situation will be one of Hickel's urgent targets of work once he is officially installed as Secretary of the Interior.

The native leaders are also speculating how Hickel will proceed on the land freeze situation. They are wary and wonder whether the new secretary will impose some means of protection for native lands if he influences the lifting of the freeze.

Gov. Hickel's meteoric rise to prominence in the space of two years is the talk of the state. All but unknown in public circles, but well known in business circles, Hickel ran for governor over two years ago and defeated the incumbent Gov. William A. Egan.

Gov. Hickel quickly distinguished himself as a forceful man. He locked horns with the government on behalf of his state principally on the Jones Act as it applies to Alaska.

The governor's dynamic personality was noted by prominent

people of the country, and one of these was the President-elect Richard Nixon.

The two men seemed to hit it off well from the start. One of the manifestations of this was Gov. Hickel's energetic effort throughout the country campaigning for Nixon for President.

The governor, before he takes office, has another serious job to perform. He will have to appoint a successor to the late Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett who died last Wednesday morning.

Hickel, a Republican, will appoint a man from his party. The man who is being considered more than others is reportedly to be State Sen. John Butrovich of Fairbanks.

Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, when contacted by Tundra Times has this to say about Nixon's appointment of Hickel: "The appointment of Gov. Hickel as the Secretary of the Interior will prove to be of great benefit to Alaska. The governor knows the problems of Alaskans and has worked with native people to solve the land problem."

"He is as interested as we are in a fair solution."

Notti said that if Nixon had appointed someone else, it would take that man two years to get some idea of the problems in Alaska.

Betty Harrop, Banquet

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Placement at the University of Alaska. She has long been active in the social affairs at the university and the City of Fairbanks.

The theme of the Anchorage banquet will be "Cultural Contributions of the Native People of Alaska."

In conjunction with the banquet, the governing body of the newspaper hopes to initiate and develop the finest and largest showing of native arts ever shown to the public in Alaska.

Fine arts division of the exhibition will include oil paintings, watercolors, woodcuts, pen and ink or pencil drawings, sculptures in stones, woods and metals.

The arts and crafts division will include many things like finest parkas, finest native footwear, baskets, carved ivory, carved wood items, authentic models of umiaks (skinboats), kayaks, sleds, masks, fine beadwork, and many other items.

All of the art pieces will be done by Indians, Aleuts, and Eskimos. As the plans now stand, all items will be offered for sale unless otherwise requested by individual artists.

Tundra Times officials have made one stipulation however; That a small percentage of the money for each item sold will go toward a Tundra Times newspaper fund to help to defray any expenses incurred by the exhibition effort.

The greatest bulk of the money received for each art item will, of course, go to individual artists.

Times officials have also approved a plan to hold a formal opening and reception for the arts exhibition in Anchorage where dignitaries will be asked to officiate in the program.

It was also decided that the exhibition should be of several days duration. The length of time of the exhibition period will be decided at a later date.

Tundra Times editor, Howard Rock, is now in the process of trying to get the services of a nationally known figure to be the keynote speaker at the October 4, 1969 Anchorage banquet.

The newspaper will announce the person once he agrees or commits himself to be the keynote.

Miss Betty Harrop said she will be going to Anchorage later this month. She will, at that time, consult with people there to discuss banquet plans and will look into the location possibilities of the event.

She will also look into getting an appropriate exhibition space for the Tundra Times native art show.

Board member, Ron Senungutuk, associate professor of arts at the University of Alaska, is planning to assemble an exhibition package of fine silver artistry, sculptures, and other art

pieces which he will select from the works of his native Alaskan students.

It is also expected that Senungutuk, an Eskimo from Cape Prince of Wales, will submit some of his fine art pieces.

The director of the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Lloyd New, has directed his arts director to assemble a unit for exhibition in Anchorage.

Along with scores of Indian art students from throughout the United States, the institute has in its enrollment a good representation of Alaskan native artists in its art courses.

Native organization heads in Alaska will be contacted so they may help and encourage their people to assemble arts and crafts in their respective areas for Anchorage exhibition.

Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, has already scheduled the annual convention of the statewide organization at or around the Tundra Times banquet date.

Around 250 or 300 delegates are expected to attend the AFN convention. Most or all of the delegates will attend the banquet.

It has also been planned that a team of finest Indian dance performers and their Eskimo counterparts will put on dance exhibitions at the banquet.

Governor of the State of Alaska, the congressional delegation, and many of the state's dignitaries throughout Alaska will be invited to the banquet and the native arts exhibition.

A no-host cocktail hour will precede the banquet.

Tundra Times executive committee and the board of directors have set the admission price at \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. The dress for the banquet will be semi formal.

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