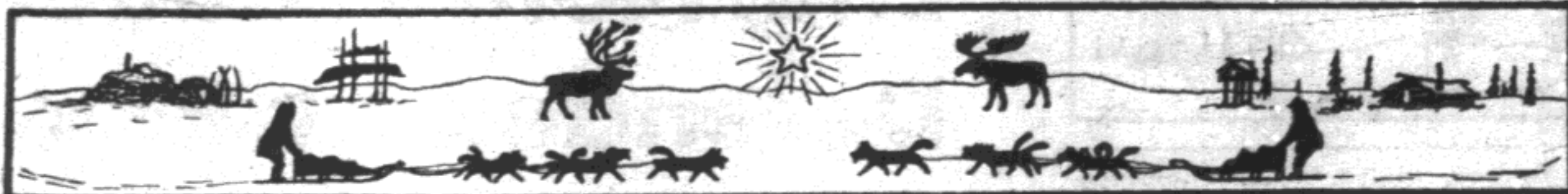


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BOOZE QUANDARY AT BARROW

Issuance of Private Licenses May Mean Dry Status Once Again

Barrow went "wet" about seven months ago but now seems to be having second thoughts about its decision.

The voters approved the sale of alcoholic beverages in their city, a spokesman said, on the assumption that the city, represented by a non-profit corporation, could be the sole owner of liquor licenses in Barrow. All profits from the sales were to go toward the betterment of the community.

However, the legality of such a setup is now being questioned.

In Barrow, on February 24, 1970, the council denied applications for four licenses from private individuals in the community. Then, a fifth application, that of Barrow Liquor Sales, Inc., was approved by the council and submitted to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for approval. All profits earned by this corporation were to be deposited in the general fund of the city.

Final approval would make Barrow Liquor Sales, Inc., the sole owner of a liquor license in the city.

On this matter, the council seemed to have the backing of the community which in a general meeting March 13 voted 138 to 3 to support the application

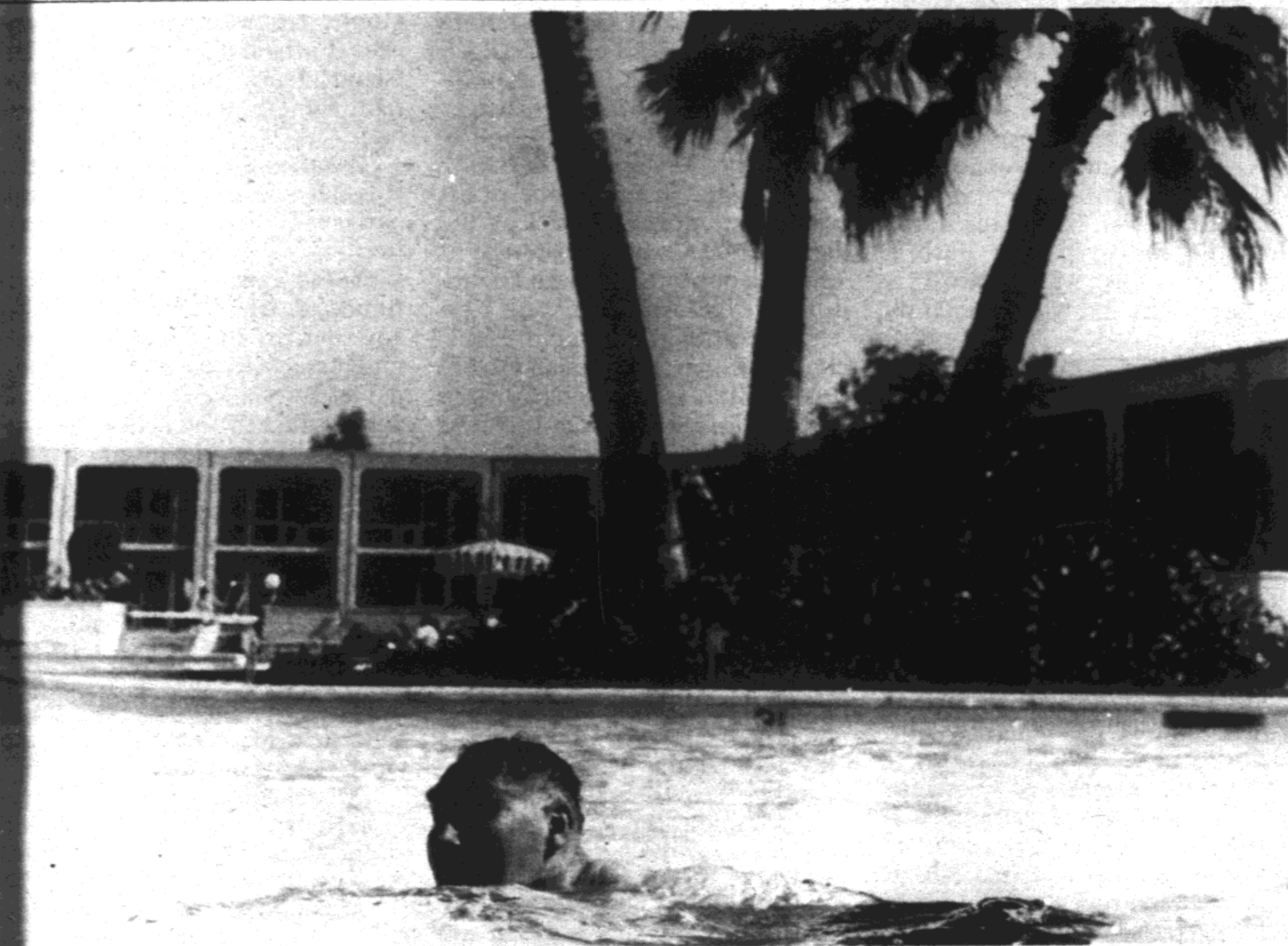
of the non-profit corporation and oppose those of private individuals.

According to Alaska statutes, the ABC board is responsible for reviewing and issuing liquor licenses, but it is bound by the recommendation of the city council unless the Board determines that the Council was acting in an arbitrary and capricious manner.

On March 18 the ABC Board held a hearing on all five applications but said that it would make no decision until the attorney general ruled on the legality of city governments owning liquor licenses. The opinion was requested in January by the ABC Board when similar problems arose in Bethel.

According to Ray Hackstock, acting director of the Board, no decision has yet been made by

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AH, CALIFORNIA!—It was never like this at Point Hope or Kivalina! Chester Seveck, 80 years old and an Eskimo, is enjoying a dip in the hotel swimming pool at Costa Mesa, California where he and his wife Helen took part giving shows at the Alaska portion of the Trade and Travel Fair. When he was young, Chester never dreamed he would be swimming in a swimming pool bordered

with palm trees. Chester, however, has taken dips in the frigid Chukchi Sea. At the fair, Chester and Helen Eskimo danced to audiences numbering from 1200 to 1600 at a time four times a day. More than 600,000 Californians visited the Alaska exhibits.

—Wien Consolidated Airlines Photo by FRANK WHALEY

Bill by Weekend?

The Senate Interior and Insular Committee is expected to reach a final decision on a land claims settlement bill by the end of this week, according to a Washington attorney working with the Alaska Federation of Natives.

The committee, headed by Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., is holding closed sessions Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, he said.

In these sessions, the members will make all the substantive decisions.

Then, he added, the proposal will be turned over to staff members who will write it up. So, the bill will probably not be made public until sometime next week.

The specifics of the legislative settlement are still a secret but some general outlines have been reported.

According to these reports, the natives seem certain to receive a \$500 million cash compensation.

Also, they will probably receive between six and ten million acres—which could be in a variety of forms.

The most controversial issue is whether natives should receive a 2 per cent overriding royalty from oil and gas leases on federal and state lands.

Alaska Senator Mike Gravel has indicated that he would vote for a 2 per cent royalty for 10 years or until the natives had received \$500 million. Senator Ted Stevens has indicated that he does not support the royalty idea.

Oil Activity Blocking Caribou Migration Say ASNA Officials, Barrowites Uneasy

The people of Barrow and Wainwright on the shores of the North Slope have heard no reply from Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel concerning the caribou migration through their area.

Represented by the Arctic Slope Native Association, the people wrote Hickel last weekend that an oil-oriented geophysical activity south and west of Icy Cape on the Arctic Coast is blocking the caribou migration.

"As guardian of the native people," they wrote, "we ask you to investigate as soon as possible and we stand ready to cooperate

in any way."

The people believe that the caribou are being prevented from traveling east to Barrow by intense activity of huge snowmachines traveling in a north and south direction.

About half of the people in Barrow depend on the caribou for food, Eben Hopson, executive director of the Arctic Slope Native Association estimated. And, thus, they look forward to the seasonal migration which brings the animals close to Barrow.

As stated in the letter, Hopson and Joseph Upicksoun, president

of the native association, have been discussing the possibility of going to Icy Cape and trying to stop the vehicular traffic so that

the caribou might again start migrating east.

Thousands of the animals are

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Editorial—

A Good Beginning... An Important Step

In the event Congress casts the final vote to pass the native land claims legislation, and when the President signs it into law, there are clear indications that big amounts of money will be forthcoming to Alaska's native people. Once that money becomes available for use, there must be well qualified people in key points to help to administer it. There must also be pre-prepared plans in the use of it so that its initial impact will mean the most meaningful benefit.

Outside of having trusted advisors and technicians at the beginning, this is not going to be an easy task. At the present time we have, as yet, very, very few native persons who would be in the position to effectively handle them because of their highly technical nature. We have no people at the present time training for that specific purpose to meet the responsibilities. We do not know of anyone now who has any plans to train our talented people toward this goal. It is highly possible then, that we will not have any specifically trained personnel when the land claims monies are awarded.

With the presumption that this will be the fact, perhaps an attempt to get available money could be sought in ample amounts so an intensive and well meant technical

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Villages Sue Governor Miller Over TAPS Road

Four Interior Native villages filed suit in Anchorage Monday against Gov. Keith Miller in an effort to block construction of the haul road for the Alaska Pipeline System.

Miller told Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel on Friday that he had authorized TAPS to proceed with the construction of a permanent road from the Yukon River to the Arctic Slope of Alaska.

Filed in U.S. District Court by Alaska Legal Services attorneys David Wolf and John Hedland

on behalf of Allakaket, Bettles, Rampart, and Stevens Village, the suit charged that the Governor did not have the authority to take such action.

Minto, a fifth village in the Interior, was not included because it is south of where the 420-mile-long road begins.

In a telegram to the Secretary, Miller claimed that he had the authority to take such action under Section 932 of the United States Code which says that the state can assume the right of way

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