

Texas Co. Violates N. Slope Safety Code

JUNEAU—A Texas-based geophysical company entered a plea of nolo contendere to four violations of the State's safety code in Fairbanks District Court last week.

Presiding Judge Hugh H. Connolly heard the case on March

26. The Department of Labor had filed charges stating that the company's work camp on the North Slope did not meet several of the health and safety provisions in the code.

Judge Connolly levied a \$500 fine but suspended it on the condition that the camp be brought up to standards required by the code and that the company otherwise comply with all laws and regulations governing the operation of its camps on the Slope.

The judge ordered the firm to provide more sleeping area for each of its employees and to furnish them with "suitable" bedding instead of sleeping bags.

He also ordered the company to gather and dispose of all garbage and waste at the camp by transporting it away or installing an incinerator approved by the Department of Health and Welfare's Environmental Health Division.

According to Commissioner of Labor, Thomas J. Moore, the charges were brought against the firm after a number of inspections at the camp had failed to gain the company's cooperation in meeting safety code standards.

Assistant District Attorney Lyle Carlson represented the State during the court hearing.

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Native Arts, Crafts Exhibition In Anchorage Draws Near

The date for the opening of the Native Arts and Crafts Exhibition in Anchorage is drawing nearer, and all native craftsmen and artists are urged to enter.

Held from June 1 to June 30 in the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum, the Exhibition is sponsored by the Alaska Festival of Native Arts. Entries must be mailed to the festival by May 7.

All artists and craftsmen of Alaskan Eskimo, Indian or Aleut descent are eligible to enter.

Last year's show featured more than 400 individual arts and crafts items done by over 100 craftsmen.

The categories are basketry, sculpture, models and miniatures, masks, graphics, beadwork, skin sewing, metal crafts, jewelry, dolls, utensils, yo yo's and miscellaneous.

Items can be sold if the artist so desires and should be marked accordingly. If not for sale, indicate by NFS.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: Best of Show—\$50; 1st place—\$35; 2nd place—\$25; 3rd place—\$15; 4th place—\$10. These prizes apply to all categories except the yo yo category which is one prize of \$7.50. Honorable Mention Certificates will also be awarded.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Third Annual Native Children's Art Show will be sponsored by the Alaska Festival of Music.

Rather than money awards, special awards of artists materials will be given to each outstanding student in the show. The sponsors feel that this method is better than giving money awards because they want to encourage young artists to be creative for their own enjoyment and self esteem and not put a monetary price on this achievement.

In the words of last year's juror Keith Appel, "Children seldom receive enough encouragement from the adult world. For this reason, I feel that any efforts we can make to this end are posi-

tive ones. This exhibit is not to be seen as a competition or a rating of one child against another. Moreover, it was originated in a way of encouraging these youngsters to further develop their creative abilities."

Also featured during the

month will be lectures and demonstrations by various craftsmen and native dancers.

Entry forms can be obtained either at the Tundra Times office or by writing to the Alaska Festival of Native Arts, P.O. Box 325 Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

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