

Eskimo Art Council Formed in Canada

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The rapid expansion of interest in art of Canadian Eskimos in recent years has created need for a formal Eskimo Art Council.

Nine distinguished representatives of the arts in Canada accepted invitations from Northern Development Minister Arthur Laing to form such a council. The group will assist Eskimo art-producing Co-operatives "to maintain their high standards of quality," said Laing. "Members will appraise new art forms and advise on selection and pricing of the annual graphic art collections. Eskimo art and fine crafts approved

by the Council will bear its stamp, or a registered tag, as a guarantee of authenticity to the buying public."

The first advisory group on Eskimo art in Canada was formed in 1959 at the request of the West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative; its members were available to advise the artists on standards, price and policy. Two years later, a Canadian Eskimo Art Committee was formed.

"Through the early critical years the members of these committees worked tirelessly to present the creative talents of the Eskimo people to the world," said Laing. "It is a tribute to them and to the artists that Canadian Eskimo art enjoys the world-wide reputation for quality that it does today. We are grateful that several of the original members of these committees have agreed to serve on the Eskimo Art Council."

Members of the new council are: Mrs. Doris Shadbolt, acting Director of Vancouver Art Gallery; George Swinton, Head, Fine Arts Dept., University of Manitoba, Winnipeg; Mrs. Alma Houston, Fine Arts Division, Canadian Arctic Producers, Ottawa; M. F. Feheley, Head of TDF Artists, Toronto; George Elliott, vice president, MacLaren Advertising Co., Toronto; Jacques Folch-Ribas, architect, town planner, Montreal; Jean-Noel Poliquin, president of Sculptors Association of Quebec, Montreal; Alex Colville, noted Canadian artist, New Brunswick; James Houston, design consultant, Steuben Glass, New York.

All members serve without fee.

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Salvation Army Spends \$200 Thousand in Flood Disaster

Lt. Colonel David Moulton, commander of The Salvation Army in Alaska, has reported that his organization's expenses in providing assistance to flood victims in Fairbanks and Nenana total some \$200,000.00 to date.

Cash contributions to date total \$62,432.34. Donations in goods and services are estimated to be more than twice that amount. Cash expenditures have been \$85,936.86, with a number of bills still outstanding.

In addition to funds used to care for the needs of local residents, Salvation Army property losses in Fairbanks are high. Their building in downtown Fairbanks sustained extensive damage to the

foundation and basement and the floor collapsed during the flood.

Engineers estimated it would cost \$42,500.00 to return it to pre-flood condition. Further investigation showed that even with repairs, the building would be unsafe and it was condemned by city authorities.

A makeshift operation has been set-up for the winter season. During this time The Salvation Army will be seeking a new location on which to build next spring.

Cost of the new structure

will require an additional \$150,000.00.

Rumor Quashed—

Dependents Not Leaving

There has been no significant change in the number of military families living in the Eielson Air Force Base—Fort Wainwright—Fairbanks area as a result of the recent flood.

Rumor that the military forces might ship out some of the dependent personnel is untrue according to Alaskan Command officials. Six Army families and twenty-eight Air Force families that were scheduled for reassignment this summer were permitted to terminate their tours early.

However, there have been no cancellations or delays because of the flood in the assignment of incoming military personnel whose families are authorized to accompany them.

A survey of military dependents attending schools in the Fairbanks area indicates little change in the total enrollment. At schools on Fort Wainwright there are 1,334 children in classes, an increase of 47 over last year's enrollment.

A total of 1,939 children are attending schools at Eielson Air Force Base, a decline of 75 since May 1967.

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