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Copper River Natives Say Law System Discriminates

The Copper River Natives charged this week that the judicial and law enforcement systems in their area unfairly discriminate against them in favor of Caucasians.

In a statement of position mailed to the Tundra Times, the association wrote, "We cannot and will not take this sitting

down anymore. We demand equality and justice for our people."

After citing about 10 cases where they felt natives had been

treated unfairly, the group said, "My friends, white and non-white alike, the time is way overdue to correct the unwritten policy of our judicial and law enforcement

"Why are stronger measures and fines imposed on the Natives," they asked. "Why are whites not
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KAISER STEEL EYES N.W. COAL



BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS—Seated at the table with two others at the window in the well-furnished kitchen of the Akolmiut Cottage, are the Eskimo girls going to Bethel High School from outlying villages. The cottage set up so the girls can be close to home while going to high school is being enjoyed by the students. Three girls back

to the camera are, left to right, are: Elizabeth Pavilla, Ana Nicholas and Ana Brink. Facing the camera are, left to right: Marcia Jones, Helen Berlin and Margret Johnson. At the window are: Elizabeth Brink and Margret Tinker. See story on Page 4.

—JERRY L. HOUT Photograph

Applies for Prospecting Permits from BLM to Cover 40,000 Acres

West coast industrial giant of World War II fame, Kaiser Steel, has applied for coal prospecting permits in the northwest area of Alaska covering 40,000 acres, Tundra Times learns this week.

Applications have been filed at the Fairbanks office of the Bureau of Land Management. The applications are said to be for permission to make field investigations for coal in the Point Lay area of northwest Alaska.

The areas, it is said, to be prospected by the Kaiser interests are inland from the Eskimo villages that border the Chukchi Sea.

The numerous coal seams are known to exist inland from Point Hope and near the village of Wainwright.

Small coal mines have been operated around these settlements in years past. Coal from the Point Lay area has been used for many years by the Eskimo residents of the region.

It is said that at the turn of the century, Point Lay area coal was shipped to Nome in the early days of the gold rush activity.

The coal seams of the northwest region have been studied by the Geological Survey and found to be of bituminous grade.

Gov. Should Help City For Future Boom: Carr

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Larry Carr of Anchorage suggested Tuesday in Fairbanks that the State appropriate money to help Fairbanks prepare for

"an explosive growth situation" rather than build a road to the North Slope.

He added that the State should let TAPS build the road as it had previously planned to. Gov. Keith Miller has said that the state might go ahead and construct the \$90 million pipeline access road from the Yukon River to Prudhoe Bay in order to get the project underway.

TAPS has refused to build the road until the construction permit for the 800-mile pipeline is issued.

"It is highly desirable," Carr said, "for the state to use this period of delay to help Fairbanks get prepared for the boom that will follow when the permits are issued."

As people move to Fairbanks to work on the pipeline project, he continued, the city will face an explosive growth situation.

The State, he added, should appropriate money to expand the water and sewer facilities, to build new roads, to develop new subdivisions with low and medium income housing, and to build additional schools.

"I don't think the city can adequately deal with the situation without such assistance."

Discussing the 125 man task
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Pt. Hope Bags Two Whales Says Source

A reliable source told Tundra Times that Billy Webber and Amos Lane and their whaling crews have caught two bowhead whales at Point Hope. This was probably during the last weekend.

Tundra Times was not able to contact Point Hope over the phone. The phone service is apparently not in working order.

Point Hope whalers started their annual whale hunt around April 15. The season will last until around the last week of May.

Billions of Barrels Beneath Susan's Feet

By SUSAN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Interested in making a trip to Prudhoe Bay?

If so, you can now depart from Fairbanks in a Boeing 737 jet, cross the Arctic Circle and the beautiful Brooks Range, roughly parallel the proposed route of the Trans Alaska Pipeline and, 30 minutes after take-off, land in Deadhorse on the Prudhoe Bay.

At Deadhorse, the North Slope stretches before the eyes like an endless desert of snow—flat, des-

olate, and still.

A road winds from the airport terminal past the camps of the various oil companies which leased land on the slope last fall and past a small blue building marking the site of the first discovery well on the North Slope in 1966.

The camps are now still except for small patches of activity. A new facility built by one of the companies stands empty along with a TAPS storage area for pipe. And billions of barrels of
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Martha Sara Wins Summer D.C. Internship

Martha Sara, a native from the Bethel area, has been selected to participate in a summer intern program in Washington, D.C.

She is one of 400 college students nationwide in the program who will be working in a federal agency this summer. The program is designed to get college students involved in operations of the government and to give them a first-hand look at how federal programs are run.

A registered nurse, Miss Sara will be working in the Veteran's Administration Hospital there. She is currently at the University of Alaska working on a Bachelor's Degree in sociology and plans to finish in the fall.

Selections were based on superior scholastic ability and leadership qualities. In addition to their work, the students will be attending seminars.

Robert Willard Appointed to Head Human Rights Comm.

Robert Willard, a Tlingit Indian from Angoon in southeastern Alaska, last week was appointed by Gov. Keith Miller to the position of executive director of the Alaska Human Rights Commission.

The position had been vacant since Feb. 15 when Willard Bowman resigned as the agency's director. Larman Stennis, field representative for the commission, has been acting director since Bowman's resignation.

Ernest Griffen of Fairbanks, chairman of the commission board of directors said that Robert Willard's name was submitted to the governor's office on March 6.

The new director of the rights commission is a life-long Alaska resident. He has served six years with the Alaska State Troopers and the Juneau police department before being appointed.

He has also served two years as field representative and liaison

officer for the Alaska Legal Services Corporation.

"We are fortunate to have a man of Mr. Willard's background and ability for this important position," said Gov. Miller in making the appointment.

Willard and his wife Ruth and their son Dennis are now living in Anchorage. He is the Anchorage delegate to the Tlingit-Haida Central Council. He is also president of the Anchorage camp of the Alaska Native Brotherhood.