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With the threatening weather overhead and under a most elaborate security precautions, Nixon placed his hand on two family bibles and Chief Justice Earl Warren gave the traditional oath

to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Richard Nixon urged the Americans "to go forward together."

"We have endured the long night of the American spirit,"

he declared. "But as our eyes catch the dimness of the first rays of dawn, let us not curse the remaining dark. Let us gather the light."

Cannons boomed a 21-gun salute to the new chief of state. Elaborate and red-coated Marine

band struck up the stirring "Hail to the Chief." Soon after the salute, the new president of the United States began his inaugural address.

Nixon spoke solemnly and deliberately. He called for the

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# BETHEL PRENATAL HOME SHAKY



## Unsure Future Plagues Bethel Facility for Bush Pregnant Women

The Bethel Prematernal Home is again going through financial difficulties that would keep the home operating beyond the two years it has operated.

The home celebrated its two years of service recently with the native women residents from outlying areas participating.

The prematernal home operates on donations from the women residents themselves, the Association of Village Council Presidents, Public Health Service, RurALCAP, and the City of Bethel.

"Our funding, like many organizations that depend on politics, is not adequate nor stable

year after year," said Mrs. Jeanne Toomer, RN, director of the home.

"Once again," she added, "it has become necessary to fight for recognition of this project and the need for it to be continued."

Mrs. Toomer said that at the present time the portion of the budget handled by RurALCAP is again on shaky ground.

The home has a capacity to handle 14 residents. Two years of operating experience has shown that the home is not always adequate and it has had to service on the first-come-first-

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BETHEL PREMATERNAL HOME—The prematernal home residents in Bethel are blowing out a candle commemorating a second year's operation of the home. During the two years, some 400 pregnant native women from the outlying areas have been provided with a place to stay. The home is now under shaky ground as funding for further operation is unstable. Helping the

home celebrate its second year of service are, from left to right, Mrs. Alice Anvil, nurses aide, Mrs. Agnes Tikiun, Nunapitchuk; Mrs. Nancy Reisinger, RN; Mrs. Hilda Matchian, Chevak; Mrs. Molly Hendrickson, Mekoryuk; Mrs. Mary Jane Johnson, Pilot Station; Mrs. Katherine Dock, Kipnuk; Mrs. Jeane Toomer, RN, director, and Mrs. Carrie Paul, Kipnuk.

## Borbridge Reports About Hickel Hearing

REPORT BY JOHN BORBRIDGE TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DELEGATES OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIANS OF ALASKA

NEW PROTECTION FOR NATIVE LAND CLAIMS. THREAT TO NATIVE LANDS AND LAND RIGHTS HALTED.

"What Udall can do by executive order, I can undo." These words were spoken by Governor Hickel just after his nomination to be Secretary of the Interior.

The order to which Governor Hickel referred was issued by Secretary Udall at the urging of the Alaska Native leadership to

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## New State Land Bill Being Readied

According to State Rep. Barry Jackson, D. Fairbanks, the state legislature will probably re-enact the \$50 million native land claims settlement bill passed by the last legislature, which expired on Oct. 10, 1968.

In this connection, the Democratic caucus of the House of Representatives directed Jackson to prepare the bill, which will be introduced with bi-partisan sponsorship.

"I'm working on it and expect to have it ready soon after the legislature convenes," said Jackson this week.

State legislature convenes on January 27.

"In preparing the legislation, I'm acting as a legislator. Both my partner and I have waived all fees that we would be entitled to because of state legislation passed while I'm serving in the legislature," stated Jackson.

"In addition," he added, "I'll probably will not be able to vote on the bill when it is considered by the House of Representatives. Even though I do not stand to gain directly from the

legislation, still I have clients that will benefit greatly and they would probably remember this to my benefit.

### Westinghouse Will Sponsor Isaac Okleasik

(Special to the Tundra Times) from BETZI WOODMAN

Installation of gas turbine in Anchorage last year is playing an important role in the life of Isaac Okleasik of Teller.

The colorful dog musher who won the rigorous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race during the 1967 Alaska Centennial will be able to enter this year's Fur Rendezvous World Championship Sled Dog Race because the Westinghouse Corporation will sponsor him.

The well-known firm with the famous slogan "You can be sure if it's Westinghouse," joined the ever-increasing group of corporation sponsors in the following

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"Whether I will be excused from voting will be a decision by the House of Representatives when the matter comes up."

### After Grueling Test—

## U.S. Senate Confirms Hickel as New Secretary of the Interior

In one of the most grueling tests for confirmation on the cabinet posts, Gov. Walter J. Hickel of Alaska was approved

by the Senate of the United States yesterday on a vote of 73 to 16.

Gov. Hickel becomes Presi-

### Acting Gov. Keith Miller Pleased at Confirmation of Secretary Hickel

JUNEAU—Acting Gov. Keith H. Miller issued the following statement on learning of Gov. Walter J. Hickel's confirmation as Interior Secretary.

"All Alaskans are proud and pleased at the appointment and confirmation of Governor Walter J. Hickel as Secretary of the

Interior. Governor Hickel's administration of the Interior Department will mark the beginning of a new chapter in America's understanding of its natural heritage and natural and human resources.

"I am greatly honored and

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dent Richard Nixon's Secretary of the Interior.

Before his approval to become secretary, Hickel had generated one of the most intense controversies over his confirmation by stating that he thought conservation should not be only for conservation's sake; that "What Udall can do by executive order, I can undo"; that the land freeze in Alaska was a "negative thing."

During the process of the hearing for confirmation, Sec. Hickel retracted his statements on the above subjects, the most important for the native people

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