

## With a Pistol? Ned Nusunginya Bags Polar Bear at Kaktovik

A flurry of excitement hit the tiny village of Kaktovik on Barter Island last Saturday. It happened at the airstrip and close to the village.

A polar bear had wandered in and it was shot, as far as we know, by the old Ned Nusunginya and, presumably, with a pistol!

"While we were getting ready to take off somebody hollered, 'There is a polar

bear!' I looked out the window and there it was about 200 yards away," said Harold Kavealook, Training Instructor at the Bureau of Indian Affairs day school at Kaktovik.

Kavealook said he had seen Ned on a sno-go a few minutes before he boarded the plane for Fairbanks. He said Ned was carrying a pistol. "The plane flew off just as Ned started herding the bear with his sno-go," said Kavealook.

The plane doubled back to see what had happened. "The passengers saw the bear lying flat on the ice of the lagoon just north of the village. About 200 yards from the village," Kavealook said.

Old Ned Nusunginya is one of the original dogteam mail drivers in Alaska. Back in 1920's he drove mail from Barrow to Kotzebue, a distance of about 350 miles one way.

If our readers at Kaktovik would accomodate us, we would like to know: Did Ned shoot the bear with a pistol?

## Chalkyitsik Children Get Aid from Fairbanks

Fairbanksians have been contributing money and services to help Chalkyitsik school children on their visit to the city in May.

The Checker Cab Company has agreed to transport the children free of charge during their trip.

The Elks Club has donated \$100 for groceries, and H & S Warehouse has agreed to supply them at the wholesale price. Ruth's Restaurant has also agreed to supply a lunch at a reduced rate for the students.

Margaret Graue, a VISTA Volunteer in Fairbanks, and Rhoda Forslund of the Fairbanks Native Association are busy finding homes for the kids during their stay.

Walter Coty, Donald McKee, and Mr. Howard have invited

the younger children to visit their farms to see the animals. The older students will spend a day at Lathrop High School, visiting classes, seeing educational television, and eating lunch in a room that holds six times the population of Chalkyitsik.

Joel Fleming of KUAC, the University of Alaska radio station, has expressed interest in recording the children's impressions of Fairbanks.

Ronald Samrignes of Jessen's Weekly has donated \$20 and Bishop Bordon promised to donate \$300 for transportation if the rest of the money can be raised.

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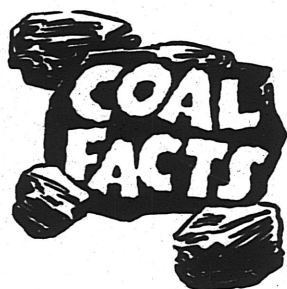
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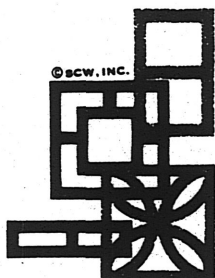
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