

Former ASCAP Employees on Fund Raising

Three former staff members of the Alaska State Community Action Program want to form a new organization.

The three — Al Fothergill, Charles Edwardsen, and Ruby Tansy — are on a nation-wide fund raising tour to finance the continuation of projects already begun in many Alaskan villages.

They say they want to form the Alaska Human Resources Development Corporation to insure the full participation of Alaska's Natives in the development and implementation of programs which effect them.

Edwardsen and Tansy were among several ASCAP workers who resigned after Flore Le-kanof replaced acting director Fothergill as executive director of ASCAP in late January.

This past week, the trio visited the Institute for Regional Development at Ohio University and talked to many interested student and community groups. They plan to visit Madison, Wisconsin; Boston; New York; and Washington, D.C., in the near future.

Scientist: Continue Eskimo Culture

"In time, the Eskimo will make his own contributions to Canada which will, I think, be most beneficial to the rest of the nation," said Dr. S.Z. Ahmed, world traveler and anthropologist after a visit to Inuvik, Northwest Territories.

"The Eskimo is gradually being integrated into the Canadian society, and are being assisted tremendously by government organizations. "However, they should not be 'pampered' through too much social assistance, or welfare money which could easily destroy their ambition

and natural industriousness.

"They are being well cared for, and have their own culture which should be fostered to the fullest," he said.

Dr. Ahmed visited Inuvik a few weeks ago as part of an American-Canadian tour to gather material for a book on peoples of the Americas. On his tour, he has lived with people of various nations and as far south as the Antarctic.

Dr. Ahmed will return to England by May. He has lived there for the past 16 years, and publishes a magazine called "Explorations."

Chalkyitsik Dog Racer Now Has 4 Sponsors

The Chalkyitsik dog team has a sponsor for the North American race next week.

Radio Station KFRB, the Travelers Inn, Co-op Photo, and Ralph Perdue Jewelry in Fairbanks have agreed to sponsor the team.

Perdue said that he was

trying to contact the village and, at press time, did not know who their musher would be. The team and musher will be flown into Fairbanks early next week.

Last week's TUNDRA TIMES carried Chalkyitsik's appeal for the sponsor.

Russian Fishing Captain Fined For Fishing Ground Violation

A Russian fishing captain was fined \$5,000 Monday for fishing in U.S. territorial waters.

And Gov. Walter J. Hickel, displeased with the "measly amount" of the sentence, hinted that state charges might be brought if future violations occur.

Nicolai G. Zernov, captain of the Soviet stern trawler SRTM 8-143, was arrested after the Coast Guard Cutter Storis found the trawler one mile south of Mitrofan Island in the Aleutians on March 2.

Zernov was fined \$5,000 by District Judge James A. von der Hyedt in Anchorage, given two weeks to pay, and returned to his ship. Although he had claimed earlier that he was only repairing nets, he did not

contest the charge.

Governor Hickel complained that the penalty was inadequate, and could easily be paid from the fish caught by a fleet fishing within the territorial waters.

He added that the action broke State as well as Federal law, and could be punished at maximum by forfeiture of the fishing vessel, one-year imprisonment, \$10,000 fine, or any combination of those penalties.

Hickel noted that the U.S. State Department had asked the State not to take legal action against the trawler, and quickly released the vessel into international waters, which kept the State from seizing it.

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Fuel Aid for Anaktuvuk . . .

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Killik on sleds during the winter. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Arctic Research Lab, the Air Force, and the Air National Guard will supply aid to enable the villagers to help themselves.

At present, they must haul willows for fuel, using either backpacking or dogsleds. This means that the villagers must make a 35-mile round trip almost every other day to heat their homes.

Last month, ASNA attempted to help the villagers by arranging for them to haul oil from the well at Umiat. Several problems appeared in this plan, however.

Although stoves were available from Barrow, they were designed for heating and not for cooking. In addition, the oil would increase the fire hazard in the village.

Finally, the Navy ruled that such regular use of oil would be a commercial use, and would require a special act from Congress.

These problems were discussed in a meeting in the village. The meeting was conducted in the Native language, and Sam Taalak of ASNA translated for visiting BIA officials.

At this meeting, the villagers decided to use coal from Killik, 50 miles away. The villagers had a tractor and the manpower, and ASNA and the BIA agreed to support the effort.

The first major problem was transportation. The BIA located a sled they could supply from Barrow, and the ARL there agreed to supply parts and tools.

The BIA will send a mechanic to repair the tractor and instruct the villagers, and ASNA is contacting a Captain Lang of Vinnell to obtain fuel for the tractor.

Another problem was getting the villagers away from the backpacking of willows long enough to make the first trip for coal. To solve this, the BIA is supplying 15 tons of coal to the village.

This is a three-week supply and would enable the villagers to dig and haul several months' supply from Killik.

The Air National Guard will haul the necessary supplies to Anaktuvuk Pass. One present plan calls for two C-123's to fly the coal from the Matanuska Valley to the village, and

then make a trip to Barrow for the supplies there.

This would limit the flight time to one round trip to Barrow. There is also the possibility that other planes already flying to Barrow may bring supplies from there on the return flights.

Once the tractor and sled were working, the villagers themselves would travel to Killik to obtain the coal.

A BIA spokesman said the Bureau would like to work with Native groups on similar programs in the future, to enable Alaskan villagers to help themselves.

State Land Suit

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that the suit was preventing action on the claims by Congress.

"The governor is trying to litigate something which everyone concedes will ultimately require Congressional action, and there is no better way to delay such action than to simply say that the matter is before the court," said Moran.

Hensley said, "We do not feel that the state is working for our interests and we hope this suit will be withdrawn."

House majority leader Ted Stevens defended the administration, saying that the Governor was using the only vehicle he had to resolve the apparent conflict between State land selection and guaranteed native land rights in the Statehood Act.

Before final passage, the House turned down by a 17-22 vote an amendment to appropriate \$25,000 to the Alaska Federation of Native Associations for the litigation of their own land claims.

In offering the amendment, Rep. Tom Balone, D-Nome said "if the State had not entered into this law suit, the Natives could have gone directly to Congress for protection of their claims."

"But because of this suit the Native people now must intervene and spend a great deal of money which they do not have to protect their interests."

Stevens argued that it would be unconstitutional for the State to appropriate public money for a private purpose, no matter how valid. He suggested that the Native groups get legal counsel through the Department of the Interior.



MCKINLEY CONQUERORS—Members of the first mountaineering team to conquer Mt. McKinley in the winter arrived in Fairbanks yesterday with bush pilot Don Sheldon. They are, from left, Dave Johnston, Sheldon, Ray Genet, Gregg Blomberg, John

Edwards, and Art Davidson. Johnston, Genet, and Davidson reached the summit on March 1. Other members of the party, taken off the mountain later, are Shiro Nisimae and Dr. George Wichman.

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