

Rep. John Sackett Included in List of Top Young Men

State Representative John C. Sackett has been selected for inclusion in the 1967 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America, an annual publication sponsored by the Montgomery, Ala., Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The publication honors about 10,000 men between the ages of 21 and 35 who "have distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding," reported Doug Blankenship, chairman of its national Board of Editors.

Most of the nominations are made by Jaycee chapters and school alumni associations.

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He said he would discuss the matter with State Department officials in the case of another violation of Alaskan waters by foreign fishing ships. These violations "seem commonplace from the many eyewitness reports we have received," he added.

Hickel also called for additional Coast Guard ships and aircraft to patrol Alaska's 34,000 mile coastline.

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Blodgett Promises Workable Plan for Reapportionment

Senator Bob Blodgett of Teller promised this week to present a new, workable plan of reapportionment to improve the representation of Northwest Alaska.

Speaking to the Juneau Democratic Club, he said that he is collecting all the reapportionment plans available in the Lower 48 to come up with the best method for Alaska. His plan will be presented to the legislature next year.

One of the biggest problems of the last apportionment, Blodgett stated, was the shortage of people to work on committees.

"When we had four people from our area," he said, "I used to get a little rest. Now I get up early in the morning, work hard, cut my lunch hours short, and use every minute of my time representing my people."

"While he did not yet have a definite plan, he promised he would present something that "will be controversial, but it will be some way to represent my people."

One suggested plan was to divide the Northwest Senate seat into four partial seats. Each of these partial senators would have full powers to sit on committees but would have only 1/4 vote in the Senate itself.

He also noted that the Northwest might, in the future, unite to split off from Anchorage and establish a separate state. He noted that

the problems of the Northwest and rural areas do not relate to those of Anchorage.

Blodgett said that he is not opposed to progress. He stated that he would probably support the Turnagain Causeway in the Anchorage area because it would be progress, and he hoped other law makers would see the same benefits in expanded transportation in the North.

Blodgett complained about representation on boards, affiliated with the state government, noting there are few representatives from the Northwest rural areas.

Dog Food Sent By Parcel Post

A ton of dog food donated to Alaskan village sled dogs will complete its journey to the villages by parcel post.

The food was donated by the Quaker Oats Company, and flown to Alaska on commercial airlines by the International Society for the Protection of Animals.

Civil Defense Director, Jack Murphy, tried to obtain transportation for the food from the Air National Guard and the Air Force, but was unsuccessful.

Finally, the International Society's office in Boston sent a check for \$110 to pay for postage on the food. It is being shipped to Arctic Village, Chalkyitsik, Venetie, Stevens Village, and Wiseman.

Commission Bill Now in House

Legislation creating a Native affairs commission was submitted in the House this week at the request of Governor Hickel.

Announced in last week's TUNDRA TIMES, House Bill 277 will set up a commission of 25 to 60 Alaskan Natives. They will be selected to give the broadest possible representation for the various Native groups.

They will serve overlapping

four-year terms at the pleasure of the governor and receive per diem and travel expenses, but no salary.

The commission would study social, educational and economic problems facing the Natives in an effort to come up with solutions. One of its early jobs will be to consider Hickel's proposal to set up a Department of Native Affairs in the State government.

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