

Shirley McNeil Goes to Miss Indian America Pageant

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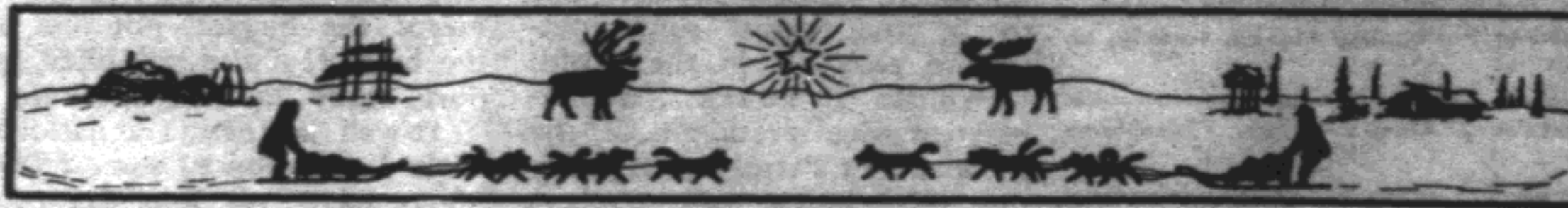
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HUMPHREY ENDORSES 4 POINT INDIAN AND ESKIMO PLANK

Indian Rights Association Backs Natives

The Indian Rights Association President Leo T. Connor, sent a form letter to nine senators on the Senate Subcommittee on Indian Affairs and to 12 House Representatives on the House Subcommittee on Indian Affairs, calling for fair and just settlement of Alaska native land claims.

The letter signed by Leo T. Connor reads:

"The enclosed copy of the latest issue of INDIAN TRUTH sets forth the Alaska Native position in regard to a fair and just settlement of their land claims. Alaska Natives and the Alaska state legislature are in

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1968 Olympics Queen Will Go To Sheridan

The winner of this year's World Eskimo Olympics Queen Pageant will go to the Sheridan, Wyoming's All American Indian Days Miss (Indian) America Pageant next year as one of her rewards.

This is the subject being discussed by the members of the Fairbanks Native Association who expressed opinion that the matter will be worked on properly and far in advance.

"We should really work on this and really plan it so it will never be a last minute thing," said Mary Jane Fate this week.

She said that the winner of the pageant would be given plenty of time to study up on the background of her people

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SHIRLEY MCNEIL—After encountering difficulties and almost losing hope of going to the Miss (Indian) America Pageant at Sheridan, Wyoming, Miss Shirley McNeil, 19, suddenly found herself with sufficient money to make the trip. With Shirley in tow last Tuesday morning, Steve Agbaba, local radio and television personality, visited his many friends and promptly raised \$240. On the afternoon of the same day, Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood Camp No. 2 in Juneau also raised \$200. Shirley left for Wyoming on the evening of July 30 and arrived at Sheridan just hours before the absolute deadline to be eligible for the pageant.

—Courtesy of Fairbanks Daily News-Miner Photo by JAN ERICKSON

Steve Agbaba, ANB and ANS Raise Funds for Shirley's Trip

"Hey!" I've got the money now! Wow!"

A pretty Tlingit Indian young lady who wouldn't give up gasped as she gave the good news to the editor of the Tundra Times.

Shirley McNeil is now competing at Sheridan, Wyoming's

All American Indian Days Miss (Indian) America Pageant, a nationwide and international Indian queen contest.

Ever since two weeks ago when she announced to the Tundra Times that she was entering the Miss (Indian)

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Don Wright Helps to Negotiate 4-Point Program with H.H.H.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey of the United States has endorsed the four-point program drawn up by the newly organized First Americans for Political Action.

The FAPA was organized only recently at the conclusion of the National Congress of American Indians executive session in Washington, D. C.

Don Wright is the member of the NCAI executive committee and he attended the executive committee session.

"The Vice President was enthusiastic about this program and stated that he felt the request was fair and reasonable and agreed that he would use this as part of his campaign platform in the presidential race," Don Wright told Tundra Times today.

"Our meeting with the Vice President proved very fruitful," Wright continued. "He was enthusiastic about the self-determination of the First American organization and pledged whole-hearted support for our major four-point program."

Hubert Humphrey's endorsement in turn generated a formation of the National Co-chairmen of the First Americans for Hubert Humphrey for President.

The co-chairmen are:

Wendell Chino, president of the National Congress of American Indians; Roger Jordain of the Red Lake Chipewas of Wisconsin; Judge Lacy Maynor,



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Lummi Tribe, Pembroke, North Carolina; and Don Wright, First Vice President of the Alaska Federation of Natives and president of the Cook Inlet Native Association, Anchorage, Alaska.

The four-point program agreed to is as follows:

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Rader Indignant Over Eagles Ban on Natives

"It's the worst thing that I've ever run into in Alaska," said John Rader, a candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives.

John Rader was highly indignant when he found out last Friday that the Fairbanks chapter of the Eagles would not serve drinks to Alaska native people and Negroes at the Eagles bar.

Earlier in the week, Rader's campaign assistant had made arrangements with the Eagles that a crab feed would be held in the Eagles building as a fund raising event for the candidate's campaign.

Just hours before the crab feed was to take place, Rader found that the Eagles national policy prohibits non-whites at

their beverage bars.

John Rader was told by the steward of the local Eagles that the native people and Negroes could be served on the general area of the hall but that they couldn't order drinks at the bar.

Saying that the policy was discriminatory, Rader last Friday said, "I'm going to have to move it. We've got to. I don't give a damn if we have to give it away."

The crab feed was moved to King's Kup where a satisfactory crab feed sale was held.

In his news release last Saturday, Rader said he took issue with a Fairbanks news account which attributed his charge of discrimination against

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Conwell Heads Food Stamp Program in Kotzebue Area

The Food Stamp Program which opened in Kotzebue on July 15, 1968, is now in full operation in that area according to Mrs. Beverly Gilmer, Acting District Representative for the State Welfare Office in Kotzebue.

Mrs. Evelyn Conwell, a long time Kotzebue resident is heading up the program for the area. To date, Mrs. Conwell has

covered all of the ten villages in the Kotzebue Welfare District, and has certified several people as eligible for the program in each village.

In addition, Mrs. Conwell has established Food Stamp Agents in each village who can take applications for the program. These agents include, Mrs. Lillian Johnson, Ambler; Mrs. Josephine Morris, Kiana; Oscar

Swan, Kivalina; Guy J. Moyer, Kobuk; Kenneth M. Ashby, Noatak; Mrs. Violet Pungalik, Noorvik; Mrs. Annie Frankson, Pt. Hope; Mrs. Lottie Ballot, Selawik; and Mr. George O. Cleveland, Shungnak.

Mrs. Conwell will take applications for the city of Kotzebue.

Already several households in each village have chosen to

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