

Rader Says Meacham Errs

John Rader, Democratic Candidate for the United States House of Representatives, today charged that C. H. Meacham, Director of International Fisheries, State Department of Fish and Game does not know the facts about this springs events in the Kuskokwim Bay Fishery.

Rader's charges were contained in a letter response to a telegram from Meacham which said Rader's claim that chum and red salmon had to be sold at a reduced price in the Kuskokwim were completely false and that it was illegal to sell these species of salmon until August 1.

The wire was sent after a Fairbanks news man queried the Governor about Rader's earlier charge that Kuskokwim fishermen were not receiving a fair market price for their fish.

In his reply Rader said, "We will not quibble about geography. The facts as reliably reported to me are: 1) During late July and early July Quinhagak, Knetok and Kuskokwim Native fishermen were fishing red and chum salmon near the mouth of the Kuskokwim River, on rivers leading to Kuskokwim Bay, in areas open to commercial fishing.

2) The American freezer ship 'Teddy' and a Japanese freezer ship both purchased salmon from the Native fishermen at approximately the same time and place.

3) Some fish were purchased in the round and some purchased cleaned by the pound. After making proper allowances for difference in handling, the total effective price paid by the Japanese to Native fishermen and their co-op was approximately three times as great as that paid by the 'Teddy' for red salmon and twice as great for chum salmon."

Rader challenged Meacham to "affirm or deny the accuracy a report that the American freezer ship 'Teddy', after purchasing from Native fishermen at depressed prices, and after freezing, sold the identical fish to the Japanese at great net profit."

Rader commented, "If my sources of information are in error, please correct me, but let's not quibble over geography or imply that this series of events never occurred."

"The State of Alaska had no legal right to interfere with the Native fishermen and certainly was not justified in interfering for the purpose of shifting the profitability of the fishery from Native fishermen to the freezer ship 'Teddy'."

In conclusion Rader offered an aside, "I see that a Congressman from Washington State has introduced a bill in Congress which, would, if it became law, give the Governor the authority he exercised in this instance without the benefit of law.

The sources of this bill, that is Washington State, indicates to me that the policy followed by Governor Hickel may help Seattle more than Alaskans."

Rader asserted that he did not challenge Governor Hickel's good motives. "But," said Rader, "I do intend to challenge the idea that his policy as applied at the mouth of the Kuskokwim was of benefit to Alaska."

NAACP Meeting

The Fairbanks chapter of the NAACP will hold its regular monthly meeting Sunday August 11, 3:00 p.m. at 1302, 23rd.

Guest speakers will be Joe Marshall, Democrat, and Pete Aiken, Republican, candidates for the State House of Representatives.



WHALE DANCE—Barrow Eskimo Dance Club is performing a whale dance for the benefit of the tourists. The Eskimo dances tell stories and the dance shown is about a whale hunting episode. The Barrow dance club will be coming to the World Eskimo Olympics

on August 8-9-10. The dance shown might very well be part of the repertoire of the club.

—Wien Consolidated Airlines Photo by FRANK WHALEY

RASMUSON LEADS BANK POLL

The recently published statewide "bank poll" shows Senate candidate Elmer Rasmuson holding a substantial lead over Republican primary opponent Ted Stevens, according to a poll analysis released by Rasmuson headquarters.

Applying the poll percentages, city by city to the actual number of votes from the 1966 election rolls, the Rasmuson backers give their candidate a statewide lead of 53 percent to Stevens' 47 percent.

"These figures represent a dramatic gain by Rasmuson as compared to per-campaign polls which showed him leading by a smaller margin," according to Jack White, State Chairman of the Citizens for Rasmuson Committee.

White placed the Citizen's Committee membership at over 2,000 and predicted 3,500 by August 27, election day.

Biggest Maybe . . .

(Continued from Page 2) the petroleum industry to get the job done. However, in the past few years, changes have been taking place which have tended to erode the effectiveness of important national policies and the ability of the domestic oil industry to meet the challenges which lie ahead is being threatened.

Powell noted that in the past decade "there has been a 34 per cent drop in field wild cat—the wells that must find the new reserves necessary to sustain future production."

Manager Agrees with Monaghan

Elim, Alaska
July 17, 1968

Mr. Leonard L. Monaghan
% Tundra Times
Box 1287
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Monaghan,

Re: Your letter and article of July 12, 1968 in Tundra Times concerning Mr. Winfield Ervin Jr., General Manager, Alaska Native Cooperative Industries Association and your contrasting convictions regarding ANICA'S business approach to the village stores.

Personally, I am in full agreement with your views having been aware of the problems for some many years. Seems on one, although commonly bound as a "co-operative" had the courage to make oppositions public other than to discuss and express the case lightly, if not privately.

Also, having read your letter I am reminded of the opposing letter I wrote dated January 1967 to Mr. Dan Lisbourne, chairman, ANICA Board of Directors. Following is a paragraph from this letter: I quote "—Being concerned on behalf of our respective store and its future relations with ANICA's present nature of operations, I wish to suggest or plead with you to look into this and related matters concerning the legal behavior ANICA conducts its business. I am convinced that there are others whom are just as concerned regarding the action performed within ANICA headquarters." The phrase "action performed" being the removal of Mr. Leo E. Murphy then the General Manager and placing Mr. Winfield Ervin, Jr. in this position. Consequently, your views as expressed appeared to me most appropriate and coincidental.

In conclusion, I wish to express my deepest respect for your brave action and sincere sympathy to the Native people of Alaska.

Very Sincerely,
Andrew N. Daniels
Manager,
Elim Native Store

Begich Calls for Fishing Depletion Allowance as in Oil Industry

ANCHORAGE—In a further elaboration of his program for Alaska's fishing industry, Sen. Nick Begich, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, said this week that he advocates the same kind of a depletion allowance that is now given to the oil industry for fishing in the United States.

Begich stated that the depletion allowance is a major point in his six-point fishing program and that, "the depletion allowance has been extended to almost all other depletable resources in this country since it was first authorized in the Internal Revenue Code of 1926."

"Although oil has a 27½ per cent depletion allowance, there are forty other minerals which receive a 23 per cent allowance, forty more minerals which receive a 15 per cent allowance, six minerals at 10 per cent, two at 7½ per cent and nine others at 5 per cent," the Anchorage senator noted.

"Why have not fish been included in this list of important depletable natural resources?"

"The purpose of a depletion allowance is to allow the cost of obtaining and processing the mineral resource to be deducted from the gross income of the resource. This would make it possible to take into consideration the cost of obtaining and processing fish as is done with other resources.

"Similarly, a depletion allowance should be tied to the cost of improvements of fishing boats and equipment. It would allow Alaska fishermen to make added improvements to their boats, purchase new modern equipment and be able to deduct this from their total taxable income.

This is desperately needed in Alaska, particularly with the added foreign competition and the mechanization which has taken place with these foreign fishing fleets in recent years.

"Additionally, the fish canneries would have the opport-

unity to upgrade their equipment and processing, develop new production and marketing techniques and increase their production. This would lower the prices to the consumer.

"This improvement in the fishing industry would benefit everyone. More fish sold and at cheaper prices will result in more fish being used. This, in turn, would benefit the fisherman and the producers by increasing the demands for their services.

"We desperately need modernization of our fishing industry through improved equipment and techniques and this is the sensible way to do it," Begich said.

"We need to incorporate in our present internal revenue code the concept that a renewable or living resource needs a depletion allowance. The facts are, of course, on the side of our depleted fishing industry. Once given the facts congress will support such legislation. Certainly, our fishing industry deserves more attention."

Begich concluded by saying, "in fact, there is no industry which needs revitalization as much as the fishing industry, not in Alaska but throughout the country. I know this type of allowance would be the vital boost the fishermen need. We can do no less."

Soul Food Dinner Tickets Available For Purchase

Tickets for the Soul Food Dinner scheduled Saturday, August 3 can be purchased at Lik-Nu Body shop, 729 21st Street, Thomas Radio and T.V. on Cushman in Fairbanks; or you can call 456-5529, 456-7904 and 452-4382 regarding other stations that may be in your area.

Anyone desiring to participate or donate their time can get further information at the above phone numbers.