

Metcalf Tells Reason Of Gavel Authority

A tall, genial man with graying hair talked happily and laughed with the Eskimos, Aleuts and Indians at a reception given in his honor and that of his colleagues in Anchorage a week ago.

As he conversed easily, wittily, he showed nothing of the toughness he wielded at the land claims hearings earlier that day.

The man was Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana who served as acting chairman at the hearings during the absence of Senator Henry Jackson of Washington who had been delayed due to a commitment at the nation's capitol.

When George Moerlein of the Alaska Miners' Association gave a dissenting testimony against the compromise bill, some of his language rankled the native people and their friends in the Sidney Laurence Auditorium.

Catcalls began to erupt but they were suddenly silenced by a booming impact of the gavel that reverberated throughout the auditorium. The loud snap of the impact was amplified by a series of microphones.

"I will not allow any demonstration from the audience while a witness is testifying!" roared Senator Metcalf.

Later in the proceedings, Metcalf told the Tundra Times:

"When I was elected to the

House (U.S. House of Representatives) many years ago, I became a good friend of Speaker Sam Rayburn—as you know he was from Texas.

"He told me one day, 'Lee, if you ever have the occasion to use the gavel, use it with authority.' I have never forgotten that."

Rep. Pollock Decides Not to Run for Senate

U. S. Rep. Howard W. Pollock last Wednesday in Juneau decided that he is not going to run for U. S. Senate seat.

Pollock made the disclosure at the Juneau Republican Club's Lincoln Day dinner that "after considerable soul searching" he decided he would not seek the seat but that he will seek re-election.

"I don't think Pollock will run for Senate," a politician said in Anchorage last week. "I think he will be scared off by that big money that is expected to be floating around."

Humane Society Gives High Honor to Burggraf...

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at a regular business meeting of the Alaska Dog Musher's Association, of which he is president.

Mrs. Thompson said that Burggraf, upon learning that approximately 50 dogs of the Midnight Sun Kennel owned by Lefty Schallock were being surrounded by flood waters, drove through water to the kennel.

There he found all of the dogs, who are normally staked out on posts next to their houses, standing in water. Some dogs were swimming and some, whose chains were caught on the posts near the ground, were just managing to keep their noses above water.

Burggraf shed his clothing and swam or waded from dog to dog, sometimes diving under water to free a stubborn chain. When all but one (which drowned) of the dogs had been released, Burggraf was forced to flee to higher ground, but not before his car stalled and was towed to safety through the flood waters.

Once at his home in the foothills, Burggraf met two dog mushers, John and Harold Greenway, and together with Peter Argetsinger, traveled to the nearby home of Jack Distad,

a past president of the dog mushers.

With Distad's two boats, the four men returned to the Schallock Kennel, captured the loose dogs and loaded them into the boats. They then transferred the sled dogs into trucks and on to the Burggraf home.

In accepting the Stillman

Award, Burggraf said, "I feel as though this award is meant for all those persons who rescued animals from the flood. I am deeply honored."

Mrs. Thompson reported that news stories of the rescue would appear in the Alaskan Sportsman and in the Humane Society's own publication.

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