



RFK'S DEATH SHOCK NATIVES

Natives Impressed With Boys State At Glennallen

The Eskimo young men, high school students attending the Boys State this year at Copper Valley High School at Glennallen were highly impressed with the program. "I've learned a lot since I came here," said Melvin Otten of Nome and a junior at the Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

Otten calling from Glennallen last Wednesday continued:

"The native student participants are introducing a native land claims bill tomorrow and we are going to try very hard to have it passed."

Boys State is the American Legion program to familiarize high school students about the workings of governments.

The Boys State assembly were to conduct an election of a governor and other state officials yesterday.

Otten said he ran for the

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MURDER SUSPECT—Sirhan Sirhan, Jordanian, is the murder suspect as the man who assassinated Sen. Robert Kennedy in a hotel in Los Angeles. He has been linked as a communist.

—Courtesy of DAILY NEWS-MINER

Assassination Called Great Loss, Terrible Tragedy by Natives

The assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy shocked the people of Alaska and no less its native citizens.

Senator Kennedy died early yesterday morning after little more than 24 hours after the assassin's bullets penetrated his head.

He was shot in a Los Angeles hotel right after he made his victory speech after capturing California Democratic presidential primary election.

The assassin was Sirhan Sirhan of Jordanian extraction.

"I think it's a horrible tragedy that should never happen," said Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives and an Indian.

"We should never have a

public official, or any person, fear for his life when speaking to any group," he added.

"If we have differences of opinion we should discuss them openly and peacefully resolve them under the law."

Apparently thinking of Senator Kennedy's brother, the late President John F. Kennedy who was assassinated four years ago, and Martin Luther King, Emil Notti added:

"The tragedies that have happened recently should never happen in our society."

State Rep. John Sackett of Huslia, an Athabascan, said the following about the death of Senator Kennedy:

"It is extremely unfortunate. He was a person very interested in minority groups all over the United States

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AEC Contractors to Employ Natives in Amchitka Drilling

JUNEAU—Employment of native Alaskans in a drilling program being conducted on Amchitka Island is the Aleutians for the Atomic Energy Commission should "increase substantially," Gov. Walter J. Hickel said this week, as a result of a joint program finalized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the University of Alaska, and Parco Inc., the AEC drilling contractor.

Parco officials, who have

had difficulty locating native workers with knowledge of drilling methods and operations, recently became aware of a BIA program for training mining and oil technicians at the University of Alaska, the governor said.

The program calls for the employment assistance branch of the BIA to select 12 young native Alaskan men each year for a year of training at the university.

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Controversy Rages Over Freezer Ship

"The International North Pacific Fisheries Treaty does not forbid that transaction. The Treaty applies only to high seas and not territorial waters. The federal government has the exclusive power to regulate foreign commerce."

So said William Jacobs, executive director of the Alaska Legal Services Corp. in Anchorage.

The Legal Services attorneys have been working with the Kuskokwim Fishermen Co-op, an organization of Kuskokwim area native fishermen who have made a transaction with the Mitsubishi International Corp.

The transaction was to sell salmon catches bought by the Kuskokwim co-op from the Kuskokwim area

native fishermen to the Mitsubishi International.

Last week when it looked that Gov. Walter J. Hickel might make moves to stop the Japanese freezer ship from buying the Kuskokwim Fishermen Co-op fish, the cooperative sent representatives to Anchorage to seek injunction against the gov.

This was filed in the federal court in Anchorage but Judge Raymond Plummer denied the request for injunction.

"The reason he denied it was that he found evidence that the governor had taken no action to prevent the ship from coming in," said Jacobs.

The injunction was filed by Bruce Crow, manager of

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OEO Grants ASCAP \$891,000 For Rural Native Enterprises

"We're gratified that our efforts during the past six months to secure the meaningful economic development capability for the

rural Alaskan natives has now been awarded with this grant—the largest ever awarded for such a program," said Larry Brayton,

executive director of the Alaska State Community Action Program, Inc.

The grant in question is the \$891,000 to be used for cooperative enterprise development in the outlying areas.

It was awarded by the Office of Economic Opportunity and announced this week by Sen. Ernest Gruening.

"Some 25,000 Alaska natives will benefit directly from this program which has tremendous potential in influencing other agencies dealing with our natives in Alaska," said Brayton.

"Now is the time for our rural communities to get involved in this program as this will be their program and not just that of other agencies," he added.

Brayton said that the one-year funding of the program will bring about the development of remote villages in Alaska through the cooperative idea.

He said the effects of the program will range from complete reconstruction of homes for hundreds of families to reduced costs for locally produced consumer goods.

The program was drafted late in December by the staff of ASCAP. Initial explorations and feelers were made in Washington, D. C. early in December of

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Editorial—

The Value of Native Organizations

The native organizations of Alaska are performing vital roles in efforts to improve the everyday lives of our people. They have become important sounding boards through which the problems are being posed before the public and before the officials of our state and federal governments. That the efforts are heeded is unquestioned because improvements to better the lot of our people are becoming evident and other improvements are being sought and planned for the future. These things clearly point out the importance of our native organizations.

The emergence of the native organized groups, outside of the venerable Alaska Native Brotherhood that has been in existence for over 50 years, mushroomed into prominence only within the last few years in northern part of Alaska. This huge expanse of land had been the area where nothing much was done for great many years. Great problems existed and, seemingly, just existed because few people had the courage to bring them out. The attitude of "Let the sleeping dog lie" seemed to have been one policy of handling them.

There was a huge, uneasy void—an atmosphere of a

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