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UDALL SUGGESTS NATIVES SHARE OFFSHORE BONUSES

U.S. Continental Shelf Income in Alaska Suggested for Sharing

In a momentous announcement this week, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall told a gathering of the native leaders in Anchorage of an idea to allow the native people of Alaska to share in the federal royalties from the oil and gas wells to be drilled in the Gulf of Alaska's continental shelf.

He said that the suggestion could provide help in the solution to the "big, tough problem" of the native land claims.

"This is a big, difficult problem and we have to make a big improvement than what we have done before," Secretary Udall said. "I am determined to be on the side of the Indians. I intend to

get on record that I am the champion of the Indian rights."

He said the real trouble in the settlement of the land question has been that when the problem was brought up in the past, it has been "swept under the rug."

"One of the reasons is that my department hasn't done its job. We have discriminated against you," he said.

The State of Alaska has 35,000 miles of coastline and its continental shelf is over 64 per cent of the total coastline mileage of the United States. The Secretary of the Interior has a complete jurisdiction over the

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LAST TO SEE FATHER—Claire Okpeaha of Barrow, the last person to see Will Rogers and Wiley Post alive, talked to Will Rogers, Jr. during Rogers' visit to Barrow. Okpeaha ran 12 miles to report the fatal crash in 1935. Rogers is looking at a photo of Okpeaha in Charles Brower's book, "Fifty Years Below Zero."

Will Rogers, Jr. Visits Northwestern Villages

The magic of the name "Will Rogers" is not diminished by the addition of a "junior" tacked on the end of it—at least not in Alaska where the son of a famous

William Paul, Sr. Plans To Seek Governorship

William Paul, Sr. has disclosed plans to seek the governorship of Alaska.

Paul, a former Alaskan attorney now living in Seattle, is a former grand president of the Alaska Native Brotherhood. He is a member of the Stikine Tribe, and has long been active in Alaska Native affairs.

He announced his plans to return to Alaska during the ANB meeting in Ketchikan last week.

A Republican, Paul said he was dissatisfied with the job the Hickel administration was doing. He also said the governor has offended the state's Native people by appointing Indians to the State Rural Affairs Commission without consulting ANB officers.

father lassoed his way into the hearts of the people wherever he went.

Rogers is visiting Alaska this week in a combination fact-finding and people-meeting trip. Traveling with him is Warren Tiffany, Alaska education director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Making the trip Sunday and Monday to Wainwright and Barrow were Wally Craig, BIA director in Fairbanks; and Dan Edwards, BIA social worker. A Tundra Times reporter accompanied the party, along with the pilot, Bob Johnston.

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"Hi! I'm Bill Rogers," he would say as he stuck out his hand to shake with whoever happened to be around. Then he uncoiled his rope and began to demonstrate the very thing that made his father famous.

He had hardly stepped off the plane at Wainwright before he had a rope spinning around an Eskimo child. It was

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Rehabilitation Conference Starts Statewide Planning

The first steps in establishing a large-scale vocational rehabilitation program in Alaska were taken at the statewide planning conference in Alaska last week.

A statewide research program, divided into six regional study areas, was established to determine, by type and number, the disability problems in the state; to evaluate the resources available to treat the disabilities, and to determine the short and long-term programs needed for rehabilitation.

The program and the planning conference are the results of 1965 amendments to the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, which provided grants to states to create a comprehensive, orderly development of vocational rehabilitation services, and to make these services available to all handicapped individuals in the states by July 1, 1975.

The conference opened on Nov. 13 with introductory speeches by Carroll M. Craft, Director, office of Vocational Rehabilitation; George Sullivan, Mayor of Anchorage; Walter J. Hickel, Governor of Alaska; and Joseph Hunt, Commissioner, Vocational Rehabilitation Services Administration, Washington, D. C.

Hickel and Hunt, who were in Washington during the

conference, were presented to the delegates on four television sets through the use of video tape.

The keynote address, "The New Role of Rehabilitation," was presented by E. B. Whitten, Executive Director, National Rehabilitation Association, Washington, D. C.

The next morning, an

"Explanation of Comprehensive Statewide Planning for Vocational Rehabilitation Services" was presented by Keith J. Anderson, Director, Statewide Planning Project.

For the rest of the day, and for the first hour of Nov. 15, talks were given

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Programs Help People Overcome Handicaps

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Vocational Rehabilitation? What is it? What purpose does it serve? And how can it be of use to me or my family? A few people know what Vocational means, but how many people know what Rehabilitation means?

To the many rural areas of our state, especially in the villages, there may be only a few select people who would know the meaning of Vocational Rehabilitation, and what it can do to help a person who, without the aid of their services, would otherwise be thought of as being kind of helpless for the rest of his or her life.

The Alaska State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is part of the State's way of

teaching, training, learning and developing skills, ability, and a good way of taking care of day to day problems, by showing and helping those persons who are having trouble finding jobs and adjusting to day to day living because of a disability.

In other words, the Alaska State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is part of the State's educational program designed to assist persons with physical, mental or emotional problems which would interfere with their ability to function in employment.

It seems like people never pay any attention to anything until something happens to them or someone very close to them. Then they are very

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