

Alaska Trade Fair Invites Nixon

Alaska Business Council Executive Manager George M. Sullivan stated that an invitation had been extended to President Richard M. Nixon to attend the Alaska Travel and Trade Fair Kick-off Luncheon on March 12, in Costa Mesa, California.

"We are quite hopeful that the President will accept our invitation, and the Travel and Trade Fair Site is of course quite close to his summer home at San Clemente, California," said Sullivan.

Additionally invitations have gone to Secretary of the Interior Hickel, Senators Gravel and Stevens, Congressman Pollock, as well as Governors Reagan and Miller. It might prove very interesting if Governor Reagan attends the Trade Fair as he did last spring in Century City, Los Angeles.

A highlight, of course, might be the fact that Governor Reagan has stated he will make his plans known in regard to his second term sometime between March 1 and March 15.

To date 20 communities and businesses have signed up for booth participation in the Travel and Trade Fair. While last year's show at Century City by far surpassed all expectations, it is generally conceded that exposure at the South Coast Plaza Shopping Center at Costa Mesa will prob-

ably exceed in attendance by 50 to 75 thousand over the 1969 Show.

Larry Beck will be on the scene with stage shows which will feature the Diomedes Eskimos, Haines Tlingit Indians, and other performances, several times each day at the Shopping Center.

The Alaska Business Council is acting as overall coordinator for the Alaska Travel and Trade Fair with the assistance of the State Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Economic Development and the Alaska Visitors Association.

Veralas Club

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The Veralas 4-H Club at Beaver has 13 members. The officers for the year are: Robert Chruikshank, president; Eddie Wiehl, vice president; Jerry Henry, secretary; Norman Joseph, news reporter; Ulak Hope, Jr., refreshments chairman.

In October the club had a rabbit supper. In December the club had a moose soup supper and Christmas party. All the boys had fun when Santa in his work clothes came with gifts for everyone.

The regular meeting for December was held December 30th with 12 members present.

Two Sheldon Jackson College Men Tour State Recruiting Students

Last week two men from Sheldon Jackson College came through Fairbanks as part of their tour throughout Alaska recruiting students for the college.

Ed Scholz, assistant to the president for development at SJC and John Gunderson, student recruitment and development, are making the tour.

This week they have visited Nenana, Eidson AFB, Big Delta, Glennallen, Tanana and St. Mary's. They also planned to go to Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak, Nome, William Beltz High School at Nome, Bethel, Naknek, Unalakleet and Bristol Bay area.

They have also been to Chillico Indian School in Oklahoma and Chemawa Indian School at Salem, Oregon.

"We have a lot of new programs that have been started," said Ed Scholz. "We want to acquaint the prospective students with them. We now have the first course in primary data processing—computer technology. The IBM 1130 computer can do 100,000 computations per second."

John Gunderson said that SJC is now offering flight training, first such course in the state. The college is now in the process of getting into the natural resources areas which are important in the state, such as forestry, fisheries, wildlife management and logging

management.

SJC now has 200 students, 100 full time and 100 part time. The men said the school can now handle 300 full time students.

"The college teachers personalized education," said Scholz. "There is a low student to faculty ratio—sometimes four students to every faculty member."

Sheldon Jackson College encourages native students to attend. The school now has 30 per cent native in the student body.

SJC has a swimming pool on the campus and a good basketball team. The school also owns a boat, the S.J.C. II, which is used for ecology field trips, forestry, and recreation.

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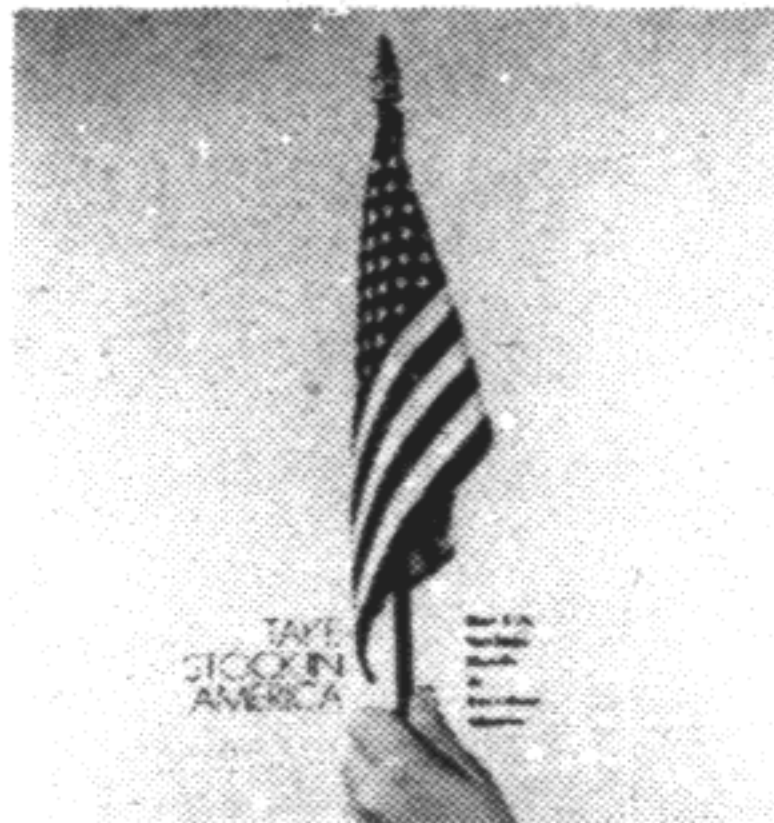
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