

Pipeline Road?—

Hickel Promises Significant Action

Interior Secretary Walter J. Hickel's promised "significant action" on the trans Alaska pipeline during the next few days may be an announcement that construction will start on a highway from the Yukon River to the Arctic Ocean.

This is the hypothesis that Anchorage Daily Times' Business Editor Al Porter put forward in an article in that paper last Friday, predicting construction may begin in a few days.

The theory is based on several facts. First, that a road is an absolute necessity for construction of a pipeline. With construction camps and equipment already in place along the proposed pipeline route, much could be

accomplished if road work were to begin soon.

Road construction was bogged down earlier this year by the Interior department being unable to issue a permit. Additional information may now enable them to do so, with reasonable certainty the road will follow the pipeline route.

The incorporation papers for Alyeska, Inc., filed in August, list one of the firm's purposes as being to act as contractors to construct a road from the Yukon River to the Arctic Ocean, under an agreement with the state of Alaska.

These papers were filed after the state's road plan was refused by Alyeska in June.

Teacher Corps Training

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On a Federal level, the national Teacher Corps program provides for college graduates to work in ghettos and disadvantaged rural areas toward M.A. degrees, while they improve education in their schools.

Alaska's program is different. To serve Alaska's special needs, Teacher Corps is open to people with two years of college who work to complete their B.A. while working in village schools.

Career Opportunities Program, which was incorporated, accepts students without college, even with less than standard high school certification.

Since preference was given to the villages in which TC/COP will operate, a large percentage of the trainees this year are residents of these or nearby villages. Hopefully, most will remain after the program ends.

In each village, teams of at least two TC people, two COP people and a certified teacher team leader will work to establish community oriented programs.

In October, each team went to its village to find housing, meet each other and get to know the village. All members will live in the community, rather than in teacher housing.

Team members from the village will share their knowledge of their people with other team members. In November, the 60 trainees and 12 team leaders went to Fairbanks for six weeks orientation.

"We chose teachers who are creative, open minded, sensitive people," explained UA coordinator Ray Barnhardt. "Our goal was to bring in new ideas, rather than perpetuate the status quo."

Yule Fund...

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sock knitting and other tasks through the Beltz Speedy Employment Service.

Several recreational type money raising events have been held and more are planned. Beltz students are sales agents for Christmas cards, candies, and chain company sales.

They're open to all suggestions, and sponsorship assistance from civic and social organizations in Nome and all Alaska.

Nome Airlines has offered reduced excursion fares for the Beltz students. At last report, with 30 days to go, \$4800 was left to raise.

Hopefully, Beltz students, who must leave home and family for nine months of each year to obtain a high school education, will leave December 18 for a short, but meaningful trip home.

Calligraphy Exhibition by Mr. Li at UA

COLLEGE—For the first time in Alaska, a major showing of the work of one of China's master calligraphers is in progress.

Visitors to the University of Alaska will enjoy a rare visual and cultural experience this month at the Fine Arts Gallery, where a group of almost thirty scrolls by Li Li-Ta is on exhibit.

Li has held nine one-man showings of calligraphy in Rome, San Francisco, Japan, and England, as well as in China. At the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Mr. Li gave a series of lectures on calligraphy in 1968. Although he has been practicing calligraphy for 35 years, he has only been exhibiting since 1963.

Besides being a master calligrapher, Li Li-Ta is a master of Chinese painting, Tai-Che-Cheun (an ancient form of martial art) and author of an excellent introduction to calligraphy emphasizing appreciation of its pictorial aspects.

The twenty-six scrolls on exhibit at the University Gallery, representing four periods of calligraphy, are a visual delight.

Barrow Development Panel...

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Then in February of 1970 the city of Barrow called an interagency conference, but the emphasis seemed to be more on interagency coordination than on intergovernmental coordination as at the meeting last week.

Suvlu expressed hopes that the panel will build bridges between the city, state, and federal governments in Barrow.

"At least the agencies will no longer be working behind our backs," he said, explaining that in the past the city council has not been informed, much less consulted, about what the various agencies planned to do in Barrow.

All of the city council was invited to the conference and most of the seven-member body attended.

Another council member, Warren Matumeak reacted to the panel idea with cautious optimism.

"I think that the idea is a good one," he said, "but it will require a lot of pushing on the part of the Barrow people to make sure that the plans for coordination are implemented."

"I don't expect immediate action."

He added that he thought Barrow had not been brought into the conference as much as it should have. Barrow Utilities, Inc. and the Arctic Slope Native Association should have been sitting in so that they will be aware of what is being planned, he explained.

Joe Upicksoun, president of the Arctic Slope Native Association and a manager for Barrow Utilities, said that neither groups were invited to the meeting and that he felt both should have been.

The only Barrow representative to speak at the conference was John Chenoweth, city manager. He endorsed the idea of a regional coordinating committee. Barrow needs such a committee, he said, to act as a clearing house or a source of information to prevent federal, state, and local bodies from working at cross purposes. If it can also act on behalf of the agencies, so much the better, he added.

In Barrow, Chenoweth explained, "we work largely from rumor and bits and pieces of information. We are more worried about what we are not told

Land Law Confab

A recently published report of the Public Land Law Review Commission will be the central topic of a Western Regional conference of about 125 leading citizens from Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska next week in San Francisco.

John Borbridge, President of the Tlingit-Haida Central Council will speak on the Alaska Land Claims at the invitational meeting sponsored by the Institute of Governmental Studies and University Extension of the University of California at Berkeley.

"Considering that history has generally tended to minimize the fact that the bulk of our public lands were purchased through negotiation with the Indian owners of the land, it is appropriate that the Alaska Natives' viewpoint should be presented for consideration," Borbridge commented on his proposed attendance.

Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times, was one of the Alaskans invited to participate.

The two day conference, which begins at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel on December 7, will include political leaders, business and government officials, conservationists, academic

specialists and spokesmen for various groups with interests in the public lands.

University of Alaska Economist and Regional Planner George W. Rogers will lead off the discussion of Alaska's public land situation.

Airlift...

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includes construction equipment, books, cranes, toys and many other items.

Materials for three new classrooms and two sets of teachers' quarters are part of the airlift, according to Fairbanks BIA Superintendent Wally Craig.

Pupils in Barrow schools started a two week recess on Wednesday, in order to allow teachers and school personnel to unload and store supplies for the school.

One item from the ship will not be airlifted. This is a crane, used for dock unloading. It will probably be delivered next fall.

Despite original beliefs that only food would be airlifted, the present airlift will ship to Barrow almost the complete cargo which should have been delivered by the North Star.

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The Bureau operates a school system for about 700 children from kindergarten through the ninth grade, owns the utilities plant in Barrow, and administers a social services program.

There were some objections to the agency having a member on the panel because some felt that the Bureau should be represented by the Federal Field Committee as were the other federal agencies.

However, as explained to the delegates at the conference, Barrow desired the inclusion of the BIA on the panel because it felt any physical projects constructed would have social implications and that, thus, a people-oriented agency should be on the panel. Also, it was felt by others supporting the position that the BIA's large involvement in Barrow places it in a special situation.

The Public Health Service operates a two-doctor, 14-bed hospital in Barrow.

Running water is found only in the federal compounds and part of the Naval Research Lab. Barrow residents obtain their supply either from a lake in summer or by melting blocks of ice in the winter, or by buying distilled water when it is available at the BIA distillation plant.

Sewage disposal is handled with chemical toilets or "honey buckets" except at the federal compounds and the newest addition at the Research Lab, which have their own sewage disposal systems.

Power is supplied by the BIA-owned utilities plant. Barrow Utilities, Inc., a co-op, in effect buys power from the BIA plant and sells it to the residents in Barrow.

The area has no incinerator so discarded equipment, empty oil barrels, and other junk have been scattered across the tundra by the government agencies and by the town.

The drums are used by the Naval Camp and the City of Barrow to remove fecal and garbage matter. Not only is the junk unsightly, but it poses a threat to the city's fresh water supply.

At the meeting, the Navy proposed a plan to clean up and dispose of these drums through the construction of an incinerator.