

Chief Isaac Stricken

By RUTH CHARLES

Chief Andrew Isaac was stricken with an apparent heart attack recently.

Dr. George Miller from Tok came and gave Mr. Isaac emergency treatment. He was then taken to Bassett Army Hospital where he will remain for some time under observation.

Chief Isaac is well known in Alaska, also Washington, D.C., for his devotion and leadership in behalf of his people. He has received a Commendation Certificate from Congressman Howard Pollock's office for his leadership.

And he has worked very hard for many years to try and explain the main problems his people face in trying to adjust and cope with the new way of life they must lead today in order to survive.

We do pray Andrew will be home soon and able to take over his leadership again as he is desperately needed by his people.

MILLER SUPPORTS HICKEL

JUNEAU—A wire of support on the eve of his confirmation hearings was sent to Gov. Walter J. Hickel today by acting Gov. Keith H. Miller.

"All Alaskans are looking forward with confidence and pride to your confirmation as Secretary of the Interior," Miller told Hickel. "Your record of accomplishments in Alaska will be an

inspiration to all of us for years to come. The knowledge that your energy and vision, which have done so much for Alaska, will now be put to work on the broad national scale has brought all Alaskans a feeling of accomplishment and sincere pride."

The wire was signed Keith H. Miller and staff.

Fairbanks Hillcrest Home for Boys Directors Confer with Legislators

How best to present the financial needs of Hillcrest Home for Boys to the legislature was discussed by Hillcrest directors with representatives of the state legislature.

Attending the Hillcrest meeting Thursday were State Senator Ed Merdes and Mrs. Barry Jackson, representing her husband, a state representative. Also attending the meeting was Tom Fenton, a member of the operating committee of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation center.

At present Fairbanks citizens are providing a large share of the support of Hillcrest whose boys are from all over the state and are placed there by state agencies, Jules Cohen, board president, said.

The community could finance a building for boys needing care for then Fairbanks would have that asset, Cohen said, but the question arose whether it was right for Fairbanksans to pay for support of state care.

Under private management, Hillcrest care cost the state, at present, \$184 a month per boy compared with \$400 to \$600 a month per child that the state has to pay if the child is sent to the lower '48 for care.

Many of the Hillcrest boys whose families can not care for them need special counseling and guidance that can not be provided adequately under foster home care, Malcolm Potts, resident director, explained.

Boys without proper homes do not belong in state jails, but can be helped by the special services provided by a private institution such as Hillcrest.

Directors agreed to meet with other welfare institutions in Fairbanks to see what needs and resources they have in common. Hillcrest directors plan to ask the Fairbanks Native Association for assistance with a legislative presentation, Cohen said. Mrs. William Carlo, a member of the FNA, is also a board member of Hillcrest.

Names to a capital fund raising committee were Robert Bondurant, Mrs. Theodore Oldre, Dave Wood and Potts. A fund drive is tentatively set for next September.

Wood, an Alaskan state trooper, was elected to the board of directors Thursday. He formerly was a counselor with the Lutheran Youth Center in Wasilla, and was graduated recently from the state trooper academy at Sitka. He has been an active volunteer worker at Hillcrest.

Potts introduced Mr. and Mrs. William Holtry, new houseparents for Hillcrest. The Holtrys

Navy Recruiter In Fairbanks

Master Chief Jerry C. Harrington, Navy Recruiter in Charge for Alaska, will be in Fairbanks for today, January 17, only.

Young men and women interested in the Navy's system of technical training are urged to contact Chief Harrington during his visit.

He will be glad to answer any questions about the U.S. Navy and will have literature available to further explain the various programs.

Chief Harrington is located in the USO Building, 516 1st Ave., telephone 456-4522. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Visit or call him.

Reyes and Bramkamp to Visit Kotzebue on Employment

Alaska State Employment Service representatives Eli Reyes and Bill Bramkamp from Nome will be in Kotzebue on January 23rd and 24th to take work applications and personally interview men and women who are interested in jobs.

Before leaving Anchorage for Nome and Kotzebue, Mr. Reyes said: "We have many people in and around Kotzebue who are well qualified for jobs which are now open throughout the State. Our purpose in going to Kotzebue will be to get in touch with as many of these people as we can, to find them suitable jobs."

Applications and interviews will be at the Kotzebue Day School on Thursday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be local assistants on hand to help men and women fill out their applications.

Interviews conducted by Eli Reyes and Bill Bramkamp will be informal and geared toward finding out existing qualifications in each man which can be put to immediate use in the Alaska labor market.

Bootlegging . . .

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ceives an average of six cases of whiskey shipments per week.

The bootlegger, of which there are three in Kotzebue, will pay \$5.00 for each bottle in Nome and sell them for \$20.00 in Kotzebue, for a profit of \$180.00 per case.

The townspeople met following the meeting and agreed to organize and work to resolve some of the problems which the community faces.

Much of the legal procedure involved was explained to the group, first in English and then translated into Eskimo.

Aid Claims . . .

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Native Land Claims Committee, is to help inform the Alaska public of the foundations of native claims, and legal, moral and historical issues, to provide a broadly-based support to natives in their efforts to obtain prompt and equitable settlement.

The steering committee, named following a public meeting Monday evening, is preparing bylaws and organizational plans for public meetings elsewhere in the state.

Miller said membership in the organization is open to all Alaskans. Persons in Anchorage who are interested in membership should contact Miller at Box 847, Sitka.

The interim steering committee members who will serve until a larger, statewide base is established are Wendell P. Kay, David B. Ring, Max G. Dreier, Mrs. M.S. Frankel, and Richard A. Miller.

Sen. Gravel Appoints Mallott to His Staff

U.S. Senator Mike Gravel has announced the appointment to his staff of Byron Mallott of Yakutat, one of Alaska's most prominent native leaders.

"I am delighted with Mr. Mallott's decision to join our staff," the senator said. "He will bring with him a wealth of experience and understanding which promises to add great dimension to matters of particular concern to native Alaskans."

Mallott, 25, lists his occupation as "fisherman;" however, he has been quite active in native

leadership activities.

He is grand vice president of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, a director of the Alaska Federation of Natives, a member of the Yakutat Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the board of the Community Enterprises Development Corporation.

He joined the state administration as a local government specialist in 1966, and remained in that position for nearly a year and a half, which included the transitional period between the Egan and Hickel administrations.

A graduate of Sheldon Jackson High School, Mr. Mallott received his higher education at both Eastern and Western Washington State colleges, and plans to continue his studies at a university in the District of Columbia.

He and his wife, Evelyn, reside in Yakutat with their 2½ year old son, Byron, Jr.

They plan to move to Washington, D.C. just prior to February first, the effective date of his appointment.

Deliver Open Letter

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land and land rights of Alaskan Natives.

"We believe that it is desirable that these remarks by the Secretary of the Interior-designate be clarified. Millions of acres of lands in which Alaskan Natives claim the full beneficial are at stake.

"These are lands which the Alaskan natives and their ancestors have occupied and used for many centuries."

The State of Alaska under the direction of Governor Hickel has asserted the right to obtain title to these lands in complete defeat of the native title.

By reason of action taken by Secretary of the Interior Udall, the State of Alaska has been prevented from taking title to these lands, Secretary Udall's policy has been that the matter can and should be resolved by Congressional legislation—that pending such legislation the natives should not be dispossessed of their lands and land rights.

Governor Hickel has agreed that the matter should be resolved by Congressional legislation, but has maintained the position that the natives should suffer the dispossession of the lands and have trust and confidence that future legislation by Congress will provide an adequate solution.

The open letter also contained the following:

"By chance, it has come to our attention that during the past December the State made a series of selections of minerals lands to which the Native claim beneficial ownership, including approximately 3 million additional acres in the Arctic Slope region, more than 3 million acres in the Bristol Bay area, and more than 1 million in the Copper River Basin area.

"Though the purpose of these selections is to defeat the Native titles to these lands, and is accordingly of urgent concern to the Natives, we have not noted any announcements by the State to the Natives or to the public coincident with the making of these large selections.

"The failure of the State to publicize these selections at the time they were made is troublesome."

The four native leaders are Emil Notti, President of AFN; John Borbridge, First Vice President of AFN; Eben Hopson, Executive Director of the Arctic Slope Native Association and State Representative Willie Hensley of Kotzebue.

The four were in Washington, D.C. to attend a hearing on the confirmation of Governor Hickel.

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of the Eskimos directly. And even worse, no effort has been made to see that my Eskimo friends have first opportunity at jobs in the Arctic oil fields. If training is needed it should be provided.

Also, without consulting the Eskimo the U.S. Navy established Petroleum Reserve No. 4 which takes in most of the land within 150 miles of Barrow, Alaska. If and when this Reserve is opened for commercial development what provision will be made for the Eskimo to receive the royalty from the land which has always been his?

If the Federal Government unilaterally can proclaim that the public lands of Arctic Alaska are the property of all Americans and not just the Eskimo then it can also require companies developing the resources in that area to set aside so much per barrel of oil produced for the specific use of the Arctic Eskimo.

I will follow with deep interest the activities of your committee.

Sincerely yours,
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