



TT MUKTUK TO BE GIVEN AWAY

Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton Makes Significant Visit

During the first week of August, Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary of the Interior, made a significant visit to Alaska, speaking in both Anchorage and Fairbanks, meeting with top Native leaders, and flying north over the Brooks range along the proposed pipeline route.

Morton's was the third such visit by top federal officials within a two week time span. On July 18-19, the state saw the arrival of William D. Ruckelshaus, head of the federal Environmental Protection Agency. On July 23-24, the Vice-President of the United States, Spiro Agnew, made a brief tour.

All three men spoke at length on the issue of land — land use, land protection, and land claims — continuing a long-existent dialogue between the Native Alaskan and the federal government.

Morton, like his predecessors, spoke of the opportunities in Alaska for planned "orderly growth . . . which will preserve the integrity of the delicate Arctic environment."

As trustee of the public lands in Alaska, Morton outlined his department's past actions and present intents. Like Agnew, Morton reminded Alaskans of the importance of North Slope oil to the national security.

"Without the pipeline," he said, there would be "increasing dependence upon the politically unstable oil-rich nations of the Middle East."

He reaffirmed his intent to proceed with the pipeline, estimating that court litigation now pending might be settled

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TT to Receive \$8000 Grant From Presbytery

BILLINGS — A young Native representative from Fairbanks First Presbyterian Church attended an Indian Panel of the National United Presbyterian Church in Billings, Montana, and presented several proposals on behalf of his people.

Among the proposals are:

- \$10,000 to begin a reindeer feedlot on St. Lawrence Island (even the horns can be sold to the Far East for \$5 a pound, he said)
- \$13,000 to start an Eskimo artifact factory at Tooksook Bay
- \$8,000 for a feasibility study to determine if the Eskimo, Indian, and Aleut newspaper Tundra Times could be made a self-supporting newspaper.

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SMILING AT HER BENEFACTOR — A little Eskimo girl at the village of Unalakleet is ecstatically looking at a special man from whom she received an armload of candy. The little girl personifies all the Native children along the northern coast of Alaska who anxiously await the yearly arrival of their special ship, the Bureau of Indian Affairs supply vessel the North Star III and her Captain Cecil W. "Moe" Cole. All the children affectionately call him Moe. — LAEL MORGAN Photograph

Capt. "Moe" Cole Idol of Alaska's Native Children

By LAEL MORGAN

In the mist of an early dawn a small Eskimo boy scampers down to the barren beach of Shaktoolik and scans the horizon.

"It come! The 'North Star' come," he shouts triumphantly. "Moe's comin with candy!"

Quickly he dashes back to the dilapidated community center. His friends have been camping there for the last two nights waiting for the boat.

No point sleeping at home, taking a chance on missing anything or waking the family up if the ship arrives early. The "North Star," after all, is the biggest event of the season.

Remote villages along Alaska's northern coasts go grocery shopping only once a year. "North Star III," the Bureau of Indian Affairs supply freighter, brings the orders, braving shallow, uncharted waters and Arctic ice that few commercial carriers care to tackle.

The ship is an institution, now, in service 27 years. It was preceded by "North Star II," "North Star I," and the

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Forbidden from Making Sale Delicacy Will Be Given for Donations

"Yes, we have muktuk, but not for sale."

If you have an unreasonable hankering for muktuk, an Eskimo delicacy from the bowhead whale, it CAN be satisfied at the coming Tanana Valley State Fair in Fairbanks, August 16 - 20.

The Tundra Times newspaper which planned to offer the muktuk for sale has been forbidden by the State of Alaska's Department of Environmental Health to do so.

However, with the mystifying logic of beauracracy, the state ruled that Tundra Times can GIVE the muktuk away and accept donations.

Therefore, Howard Rock, announced that muktuk will be available at the newspaper's booth on the fairgrounds and all FOM (Friends of Muktuk) may sample tidbit size pieces and contribute to the cause of fighting state regulations which inadvertently discriminate against Native foods.

The muktuk will be carefully prepared by Native women whose families have served and eaten muktuk for hundreds and hundreds of years.

Visitors to the fair will receive two small pieces, garnished with olives and parsley. Also available at the booth will be

subscriptions to the Tundra Times, the state's Eskimo, Indian, and Aleut newspaper, which has long been a spokesman for Native rights.

Donations will be gladly accepted. To join this historic fight, come to the Tanana Valley State Fair, Aug. 16-20. Try some muktuk. You'll like it.

AFN Tentatively Discusses Reorganization

ANCHORAGE — Meeting in a two-day closed executive session, the board of the Alaska Federation of Natives tentatively discussed reorganization and redefinition of the state natives' central body which was implemental in obtaining the Land Claims Settlement.

The role of the AFN in the post-settlement era has never been clearly defined by the member regions and the two-day discussions do not appear to have settled the issue completely.

Finances play an important part in the overall problems facing the AFN which received no direct funds under the settlement for its continuance.

Regional representatives at last week's session ordered a post audit of all debts and expenditures of the AFN. Sen. Willie Hensley, D-Kotzebue, proposed the post audit, effective as of Aug. 4. All regions would then assume immediate

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State Makes First Royalty Payment

JUNEAU — Governor William A. Egan has mailed a \$13,958 check to the Bureau of Indian Affairs as the state's first payment to the Alaska Native Fund from state royalty and rental revenues under provisions of the Native Claims Settlement Act.

The initial part-year payment covers state contributions to the fund on revenues collected from Dec. 17, 1971, when the act became effective, through June 30, 1972.

Egan sent the check to Morris Thompson, Alaska area BIA director in Juneau.



THE HAPPINESS MAKER — Captain Cecil W. "Moe" Cole of North Star III is smiling with satisfaction at the happiness of small children to whom he had given generous packages of candy at the village of Unalakleet. His arrival at the northern Native villages is anxiously awaited by all the Native children who flock to him enmasse. — LAEL MORGAN Photograph