

"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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Editorial Comment— Capt. Cecil W. "Moe" Cole

North Star, the Bureau of Indian Affairs supply vessel for government installations, schools and native stores, has a special meaning for the native folks throughout Alaska. And Captain Cecil W. "Moe" Cole of the ship is a special person to all the native children on the coastal villages clear up to the Top o' the World village of Barrow.

North Star I, the North Star II, and the current North Star III, with the initial service of the small M. S. Boxer in 1926, have been servicing hospitals, BIA schools, village stores for 46 years. In that span of time, the villagers have come to depend on the ship always knowing that she will deliver the goods. The North Star's arrival is a major event in all the villages she services.

Where the ship's arrival means another year's supply and goods, Captain "Moe's" landing ashore means quite another thing — happiness for native children which many times bubbles over to ecstatic joy. When Captain Moe's candy-giving event is over for this year, the children will begin to anticipate the next one, one whole year away. The waiting will become agonizing because one year to a child is an incredibly long time. In the meantime, Captain Moe will begin to assemble tons of candy for next year's voyage to the Arctic.

This charming yearly episode began many years ago when Moe gave candy to parents of today's children. Who knows, there might be a scattering of grandparents to whom Moe has given candy when he began the tradition years ago.

Captain Moe's delightful venture does not go unscathed from Eskimo pranksters. An elderly Eskimo, obviously 20 years older than the captain, will approach and tell Moe, "When I was a little boy many years ago you used to give me candy." To which Moe retorts something to the effect, "Aw come on. Get lost!"

Captain Moe must have half of the Alaska Native population as personal friends. We are not surprised. And he's making more each time he goes ashore in remote Alaska villages.

'Ladies of the Evening' Discriminate \$-Wise

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA — Alaska natives have made great strides securing equal rights over the last few years and, under the U.S. constitution, discrimination can be fought in court. One case recently surfaced, however, that is particularly ticklish.

An entrepreneur in a lively Alaskan village has imported three "ladies of the evening" and locals are complaining because they charge white military men only \$10 or \$15 for their

favorites, while the going rate for natives is \$50.

It would be a delicate case to set before the Human Rights Commission but in the name of equal opportunity, some price adjustments would be in order.

There is also the question of local hire, which Alaskan natives like to encourage, but those concerned believe the price adjustment should be first priority.

Forest Highway— To Be Constructed Near Yakutat

JUNEAU — The state has awarded a \$1.4 million contract for construction of 1.8 miles of forest highway east of Yakutat to Burgess Construction Co. of Fairbanks, Governor William A. Egan said.

The project, which includes

construction of two reinforced concrete and steel girder bridges, will begin at Antler Creek and extend the forest highway to Miller Creek.

The work is scheduled for completion in 250 calendar days.

Miss Eskimo Olympics of 1972 Has Aspirations to Be Missionary

The usual connotation of beauty queen as sex symbol is hardly applicable in the case of Helen Andon, Miss World Eskimo Olympics of 1972.

Walking away with the beauty honors at the recent Olympics, Helen is nonetheless a very serious young miss with aspirations to be a missionary in the interior of Alaska, serving the Native people.

Raised in the small village of Tanana, Helen is the third oldest in a family of eight children. Helen's father is a carpenter in training for the FAA and her mother cooks school meals throughout the fall and winter.

Helen graduated from Victory High School, a mission school 95 miles from Anchorage, and attended Multnomah Bible College in Oregon.

This fall she will enter the Arctic Bible Institute as a sophomore. As part of her missionary training, Helen will spend her junior year in a village.

In September she will journey to California to be a guest at the Antelope Valley Fair, which sent its queen, Carol Keipe, to



MISS HELEN ANDON

the '72 Olympics.

Helen will represent the Alaskan Native people at the National Congress of American Indians to be held in Florida, wearing the lovely Indian dancing dress which helped win

her crown at the Olympics.

The costume, designed by Helen's mother, is of tanned moose hide, each bead lovingly hand-sewn. It is no accident that the queen chose a dancing costume, as she loves Indian dancing.

Although she does not yet speak fluent Athabascan, Helen plans to include it in her education. She believes strongly in bi-lingual education and admired the queen contestants who spoke to the Olympics audience in the Eskimo language.

Music is a favorite pastime of the new queen, and she spends many hours at the piano, playing both classical and sacred music.

Helen would not mind competing in the Miss Alaska contest but said she would not don a bathing suit, unless perhaps to take a dip in the Florida surf when she visits there later this year.

Beauty wears many faces and Miss World Eskimo Olympics 1972 has a clean, shining face that looks very much toward the future.

Alaska's Unique Role at UNIMART— State as International Crossroads to Dominate Exhibit

Alaska's unique role as an international crossroads will dominate the 49th state's 2,400-square-foot exhibit at UNIMART '72, the 22nd Annual Washington State International Trade Fair, set to run from August 11 to 20 in the Seattle Center Coliseum.

Alaska Day will be celebrated Opening Day at UNIMART.

Participation of the nation's biggest state will be directed by the Division of Economic Enterprise, one of two principal arms of Alaska's Department of Economic Development.

The show will mark Russia's first official trade fair appearance in the United States. Other major exhibitors, in addition to Alaska and the Soviet Union, will include Algeria, Austria, British Columbia and Canada, Republic of China, Federal Republic of Germany, India, and Italy.

Also taking part will be Japan, Republic of Korea, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Republic of the Philippines, and the state of Washington.

"Alaska's international trade with North America, Asia and Europe has accelerated since statehood," Division of Economic Enterprise Director Richard Eakins pointed out this week. "Commercial ties with Japan and Canada have been especially close.

"Prospects are excellent for continued growth in such trade, principally because of Alaska's abundance of natural resources and because of the state's geographic location.

"It is surprising to many people that Alaska's major international airports are closer to Tokyo than to New York. And European capitals are almost as close.

"Consequently, Alaska serves as a primary air crossroads for major routes linking North America, Asia and Europe."

Fourteen international airlines land in Alaska, Eakins said. Japan Air Lines' international flights, for example, make more stops (55) each week in Anchorage than in any other city in

the world except Tokyo, he pointed out.

Other important aspects of Alaska's international involvement to be told at UNIMART will include the fisheries and forest and fiber products industries, transportation, communications, and the University of Alaska. Alaska Airlines and the City of Anchorage also will participate with the state.

Eakins said that as background to the international aspects of Alaska's business life, the Division of Economic Enterprise also will present information and visual material on geography, environmental concern, general economic opportunities, and travel and recreation in Alaska.

Illustrative materials to be used in the exhibit in addition to eight-foot-high photographs and explanatory copy will be raw materials and finished products from Alaska's forests; large maps; multi-screen slide presentations; motion pictures; mounted sea, animal and bird life; and other items.

In recounting the aspects of Alaskan industry to be represented, Eakins said that nowhere is there more evidence of the 49th state's international orientation than in the forest products industry.

"Fibers from Alaska's forests are shipped to Japan, India, Mexico, South America and other destinations for processing into paper products, fabrics, and other materials. Wood chips also are exported for production," he explained.

In addition, logs receive primary processing into cants in Alaska and then are exported, particularly to Japan, for further manufacturing into lumber, Eakins said.


Foreign investments in forest and fiber products' plants in Alaska exceed \$125 million.

Fishing's international importance also will be discussed in Alaska's UNIMART exhibit.

For many years, Alaska has been the leading state in the United States in terms of the annual dollar value of commercial fish landings. And of the

edible seafood exported by this country, approximately five percent is exported through the Alaska Customs District, Eakins reported.

Japan and Canada have been the principal customers, while Western Europe has shown considerable promise, particularly for shrimps and prawns, he added.



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