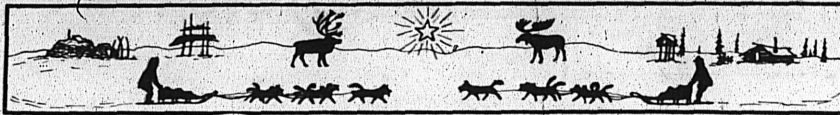


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EGAN, AFN WORK ON CLAIMS

Good Work Atmosphere Established, Egan Vows State Flexibility

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Governor-elect Bill Egan told native leaders in Anchorage Monday that the State of Alaska will no longer be approaching the native land claims question with an unyielding position as it has in the past.

Rather, the new administration, he pledged, will assume a position of flexibility and will keep an open mind.

"My number one priority," Egan said before the meeting, "is to try to convince members of House of the tremendous urgency of getting a bill out during this session of Congress."

The former two-term governor, who will officially assume his third term in office Dec. 7, added that he plans to leave for Washington, D.C. Nov. 14 to do all he can to get the ball rolling on the land claims issue.

He explained that he met with native leaders Monday to let them know he wants to communicate and work with them.

Executive director of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Eben Hopson, reported after the meeting that native leaders were extremely encouraged by Egan's attitude.

Nine of the board members who were available in Anchorage met with him for about an hour

and a half.

The new attitude of the State, Hopson said, might change the attitude of Congress overnight.

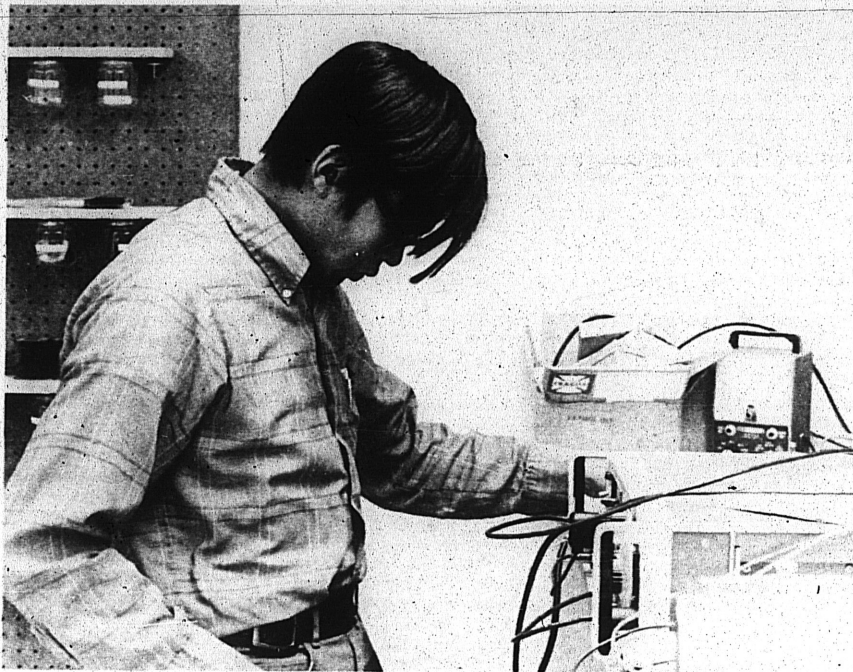
In effect, Hopson added, Egan is "untying the hands of the Congressmen."

Before, he continued, the House has been reluctant to come up with any bill because two of the basic positions of the AFN—a 40 million acre land settlement and a 2 per cent overriding royalty—were strongly opposed by Gov. Keith Miller.

Now instead of facing a rigid State position contrary to that of the AFN, "Congress is facing a man who is willing to discuss problems and to approach this with an open mind."

Gov. Keith Miller, who was defeated by Egan, opposed any state participation in the land claims settlement such as the royalty provisions would have required. He supported a land

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ISAAC PISCOYA, a University of Alaska Broadcasting major, works with KUAC radio engineering equipment. See story on Page 7.

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Late Equipment Crimps Completion—

Housing Project Stands Empty

A nearly complete 50-unit housing project in Nome will stand empty until late spring or early summer, according to Al Nakak, housing specialist from Nome.

Originally, the modern frame houses were slated for occupancy by late November. Financed by the Alaska State Housing Authority, they were to relieve the critical housing situation in Nome.

The seven or eight month delay centers on the fact that

the water and sewer system for the houses cannot be completed until next spring, Nakak said, due to the late arrival of equipment.

The construction work on the three and four bedroom-houses was completed on schedule by Ken Brady Construction Co. and was highly commended by Nakak.

But, as explained by Chuck Reader, the contractor for the sewer job, at a public hearing in Nome Oct. 30, 19 water and sewer hook-ups will be the limit for the winter. And, he added, 19 houses will not provide

enough water circulation to keep the system from freezing.

With this realization, the

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Juvenile Problem in Fairbanks

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First of two stories.

Ask most any parent. Johnny was always a good boy. Maybe he was a little mischievous once in a while, but then what boy isn't?

Why then is the 15-year-old boy now locked behind bars at

the Juvenile Detention Wing at the State Jail at Fairbanks? How did he get there?

Possibly policemen picked him and his friends up downtown for smoking marijuana or for drinking alcoholic beverages or even shoplifting. Or maybe he came in from the bush to attend school in Fairbanks and has run away from his foster home again.

According to Juvenile Officer David Wood of the Fairbanks Police Department, the young offender might fall into any of the categories. He estimates that his office handles about 30 cases involving juveniles each month.

Young people are subject to all of the laws adults are, he explained one afternoon in his office, plus others dealing with runaways, truancy, curfews, and alcoholic beverages.

Little is known about the legal procedures for juveniles, partly because the hearings at which they are, in effect, tried are closed to the press and the public in an attempt to protect the youth.

Possibly the following explanation, as outlined by Officer Wood, will answer some questions concerning these legal procedures.

Using the fictitious 15-year-

old Johnny as an example, the policeman who arrested him took him to the Juvenile Officer and made out an arrest report.

If Johnny has only violated a curfew or has run away from home for the first time, he will ordinarily be counseled in an effort to head off the problem before it becomes too involved and will not be put in jail.

If his face is a familiar one at the Police Department or if his offense is more serious, he is taken to the State-employed intake officer for the juvenile court.

This officer draws up a pe-

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The Crisis Line: Aid for Disturbed

The Crisis Line, a new service for Fairbanksans experiencing emotional crisis, became operational Monday, Nov. 2, 1970.

Staffed by trained volunteers, the Crisis Line will be open from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. seven days a week.

Volunteers aid callers by helping them contact agencies or individuals who can offer assistance.

The number to call is 452-4403.

Drama Group to Present Play For Villages

The Fairbanks Drama Association's Children's Theater will present a play entitled **KINGS AND THINGS** in various towns and villages throughout the state next week. Included in the towns will be Tanana, Unalakleet, Kotzebue, Nome, Barrow, Ft. Yukon and possibly McGrath.

So that the Fairbanks residents will also have the opportunity to see this play, it will be given at Alaskaland on Sat., Nov. 14 at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. and at 2 & 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.50 apiece.

This children's Theater Group has presented plays on its annual tour in towns and villages throughout the state for the

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Rights Commission Endorses Its Director

BETHEL—The State Human Rights Commission at a meeting in Bethel the last of October urged introduction and enactment of legislation to restrict the issuance of liquor licenses to private clubs, fraternal, and other organizations that discriminate in their service towards persons because of race, color or national origin.

A measure that would accomplish this failed during the last legislative session.

During the three-day quarterly meeting the programs of its Executive Director, Robert Willard were endorsed by the governor-appointed board.

The five-member board ap-

proved Willard's budget proposal which would add eight new positions to the present three-man operation. In addition to Willard, the commission operates with two field representatives—one in Anchorage and one in Fairbanks.

Willard told the Commission the number of discrimination cases has increased by 100 per cent over last year, but the staff has not.

Other issues that the Board took action on included approval of the Commission's role in the development of an Alaska Plan for Federal Contract Compliance.

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