

## No to tourism . . .

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proposal and have not reconsidered their previous stand," Gregory assured the adhocers. Nor were they likely to do so.

Tour ideas solicited from Bethel businessmen have included guided hunting and fishing trips, boat trips to see birds and visit Native fish camps on the Kuskokwim and scheduled ferry trips down the local river.

Since this is prime subsistence hunting and fishing area for the region's Yupik Eskimos, there been considerable protest.

Strongest comes from Anthony Vaska, AVCP member, who has issued a position paper on the subject (see editorial).

And should Native protests fail, local residents are working on a highly unattractive advertising package to discourage the would-be tourists.

"Picture yourself riding our local honey bucket truck...Enjoying a supper of Spam and seal oil with a local

welfare mother and her 11 children in a crowded, weather beaten (and broken) prefab house at Bethel Heights...

"Taking treatment for hepatitis at our local Public Health Service Hospital or boating along city streets during the annual spring flood..."

"Not that Bethel is all that bad," explains a local booster. "We love it but it does have a few problems and one more—like Tourism—we just don't need at the moment. This season we're strongly recommending folks visit Nome!"

## Minority children still meet barriers in public schools

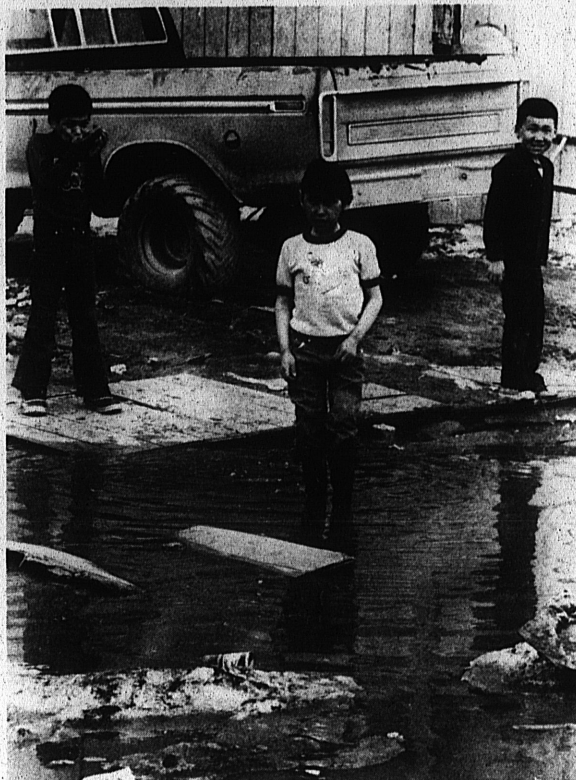
WASHINGTON, D.C.—Millions of minority children still face disheartening language and cultural barriers in American public schools, the National Education Association has told its members.

Although most educators have abandoned the traditional "melting pot" concept that would fuse all minorities into a homogenous, English-speaking, monocultural society as abruptly as possible, the majority of school districts still seem to be trying to do so.

A major aspect of the problem is that only 15 states yet have any type of bilingual or bilingual/multicultural education legislation and that progress under the federal Bilingual Education Act of 1974, although a big step forward, still has far to go.

Of the more than nine million school-age non-Caucasian children, more than five million come to school speaking a language other than English, says a special feature on bilingual/multicultural education in the April issue of the NEA Reporter.

"The remaining four to five million minority children speak English, but they too are culturally and ethnically different from the dominant



SPRINGTIME HAS DULY arrived in Nome, complete with melting snow which filled every pothole on the main drag. It made driving a bit more exciting than usual, but the kids loved it.

—Photo by MARGIE BAUMAN

## RCA spans . . .

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Satellite communications service was also scheduled to start at Kivalina, Noatak, Shungnak, Savoonga, Tanunak, Toksook Bay and Mekoryuk.

Service will be turned up at all 20 of the first earth stations in May upon the successful completion of engineering tests.

The initial circuit capacity for each station is eight channels, but two channels will be used initially to provide each village with a dial telephone for public use and emergency medical service for the Alaska Native Health Service.

Pending Federal Communications Commission authorization, Alascom field crews will be dispatched to the bush in June to start laying the foundations and installation for additional small earth stations this year.

The villages for this second phase of the program were selected by both the State Office of Telecommunications and Alascom in accordance with the recommendations of the Telecommunications Advisory Committee of the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Native Health Service.

## Reelection . . .

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one of the twelve regional corporations created under the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

In addition to his legislative activities, Senator Sackett serves on the Board of Directors of Alaska International Industries, Alaska Methodist University, Visual Arts Center, Alaska International Technology, National Advisory Council of the Bureau of Land Management, National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council, and Board of Governors of the Arctic Institute of North America.

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## Uemura . . .

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than 12,000 kilometers, he collects the record for the longest solo dogsled run in history.

Uemura reached Barrow, Alaska, in mid April and was warned by local Eskimos that the ice might not hold for completion of his journey. Luckily, spring has been slow in coming and Kotzebue Sound was still frozen for his last lap.

Had the musher been slower by a few days, he probably would not have gotten through. Float planes have been removed from the sound and the ice is wet, sloppy and dangerous in spots.

At this writing the musher is in residence at the Nul-luk-vik Hotel. After catching his breath, he'll fly to Anchorage and from there back to Japan.

As to the fate of his trusty team, that has yet to be announced. Only one Greenland dog survived the trek but he picked up lively recruits to potential Iditarod competitors.

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The men—Perry Elavgak, Ronald Numnik, Arthur Okteaka, Kenneth Toovik, Foster Simmonds, Olaf Okteaka and Captain Leavitt—were treated for exposure at the Public Health Service Hospital.

## Anthony Vaska . . .

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boundaries.

We cannot compromise our positions on this stance. The changes brought upon us by the Western world have been drastic enough. The changes we must make because of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act are also very demanding. We ask for the right to live as we choose. We are already changing, but, we have the right to make those changes ourselves.



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