

9000 ft., 48 Inch Snow Fence to Test Caribou

PRUDHOE BAY—Caribou visiting the North Slope this summer are in for a surprise. Blocking their path will be 9,000 feet of 48 inch snow fence raised 20 inches off the ground. It's designed to look like the oil pipeline planned by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

The Environmental Engineering Department of Alyeska has teamed with the University of Alaska Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit to see if caribou will take a pipeline in stride.

D. S. Barden, environmental engineering supervisor for the pipeline company, said underpass and overpass ramps of various sizes have been provided for the animals and an observation tower is set up to study them.

The site is 3.5 miles from the Atlantic Richfield camp at Prudhoe. The animals are expected to arrive there within two or three weeks. The project will continue through this summer and possibly next summer.

Barden said the Environmental Engineering Department is also sponsoring fisheries research on the Sagavanirktok River on the North Slope and providing logistics and support for research in the area by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Other projects by the unit include archaeological field surveys and two extensive digs plus physical, chemical and biological oceanographic studies already underway in Valdez Arm under contract to the University's Institute of Marine Sciences.

Wampum Gets Tribal Chief in Hot Water

MINNEAPOLIS—(AIPA)—An Indian territorial map was mistaken for a bomb aboard a North-Central Airlines flight here April 21.

Roger Jourdain, Tribal Chairman of the Red Lake Chippewas, was arrested and questioned by FBI agents on the complaint of a North-Central Airlines stewardess.

Jourdain, who was carrying the map in a tube, told the agents he explained to the stewardess that the tube contained "wampum".

The stewardess charged that Jourdain said he was carrying a bomb.

Several members of delegations headed for the April 22-24 National Tribal Chairmen's Conference in Pierre, S. D. deplaned at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in protest of the arrest.

Jourdain, after his release, was not allowed to board another North-Central flight because of the airline's policy of not allowing a passenger, who has been accused of a bomb threat, to board a flight for 24 hours.

Douglas Hall, Minneapolis attorney who represented Jourdain during the questioning, said he would contest the airline passenger policy.

According to a traveling companion, Jourdain told the stewardess that the tube contained wampum (historically a belt fashioned from seashells recording an important event).

The tube actually contained a map of the Yakima Indian Territory in Washington State.

The protesting delegates in-

cluded: Leo Vocu, acting director of the National Congress of American Indians; Benny Atencio, chairman of the All-Indian Pueblo Council; Marvin Sargent, secretary of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes and president of the White Earth Tribal Council; Jim Bluestone, NCAI; Don LeGarde, Grand Portage Indian Territory, Minn.; Mrs. Lorraine Oberg, Secretary-

treasurer of the Grand Portage Indian Tribe, and George Goodwin, NCAI.

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