



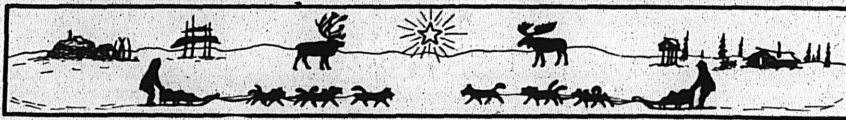
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EGAN, AFN MEET CLEARS AIR

Gov. and AFN Members Mutually Pleased with Juneau Weekend Meet

After two days of meetings in Juneau both Governor William Egan and members of the AFN executive board feel a valuable dialogue has been established between the native group and the state administration.

"I was pleased," said Governor Egan when asked his

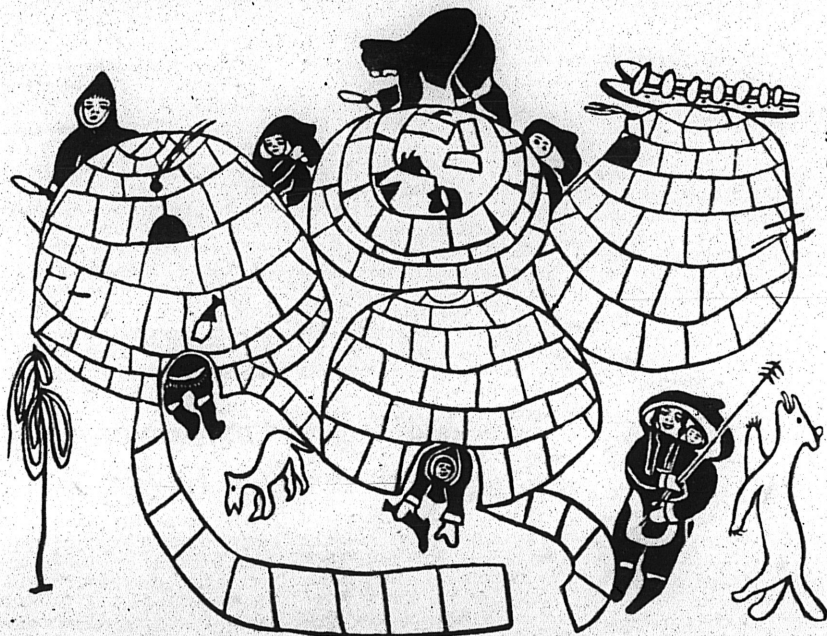
opinion of the meeting which lasted through Saturday and Sunday of last week, "I think it cleared the air on a lot of things and I was proud of how the people there conducted their obviously sincere efforts to express their views and concern for an equitable and just settlement."

Native leaders echoed the Governor's view that the meeting was extremely worthwhile and would lead towards a closer cooperation between the AFN and the state government in working to solve the problems

of Alaskan natives.

"Cooperation with Governor Egan is about 150 per cent better than it was with Governor Miller," commented AFN executive director Eben Hopson. Earlier, Hopson had termed the meeting historic and unprecedented in the AFN's relationship with the state government. The meeting was held in response to an invitation from Governor Egan to AFN leaders to come to Juneau to discuss alternative solutions for the land claims

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ESKIMO PRINTS—Canadian Eskimo artists from Cape Dorset, Holman Island and Povungnituk are known as impulsive, intuitive and uninhibited by people who write about them. Shown is

the Eskimo Village in which the artist caught the liveliness of its inhabitants. In Fairbanks, the Eskimo prints are available at the Alaska House.

Valdez Picketing Creates Permanent Committee

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A permanent committee composed of AFN board members

and one of the representatives or organized labor have been formed as a result of a meeting in Juneau on Sunday to discuss the Valdez picket line which slowed down unloading of a ship bringing lengths of pipe to Alaska and other possible labor disputes.

The AFN board, officials of the state Department of Labor and of the unions involved in the dispute met in Juneau to discuss the Valdez dispute according to State Commissioner of Labor Henry Benson.

"Most of the work at Valdez had been completed," the commissioner said, "so the group decided to form a permanent committee which would try to arrange an agreement as to what their policy would be in future work. The committee will attempt to write a memorandum of understanding to serve as a basis for further discussions."

First meeting of the new committee is scheduled for Anchorage on December 23.

The labor dispute in Valdez, which evolved into a Laborer's Union informational picket line at the Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. storage yard, delayed the unloading of pipe lengths from

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Speculation on Who Will Be AFN Executive Director

With Eben Hopson scheduled to join the Egan administration as Native Liaison Officer at the beginning of January, the AFN is short an executive director at a crucial point in its history.

In the midst of plans to push its new land claims proposals in Congress when the new session begins in January, the AFN is actively seeking a man to replace Hopson in the vital \$18,000 per year executive post.

At its meeting in Juneau, the board decided to advertise for a replacement this month. By its next board meeting, on January 22, a personnel committee must recommend candidates.

Speculation among AFN board members centers around several members who might be interested in the executive director's spot, which Hopson has filled since it was created in a reorganization last April.

Among the men speculation has centered upon are Al Ketzler, of Fairbanks and Edwin Anderson of Cook Inlet. Miles Brandon and Roger Lang have also been mentioned as possibilities.

Till a new executive director is chosen, AFN president Don Wright will probably fill the office on an interim basis.

Pribilofs Fight for Themselves

The tiny Pribilof Island community of St. Paul, with 450 persons whose subsistence is drawn from a single hard pressed industry may be on its way to incorporation as a fourth

class city and economic self sufficiency.

Early in December, a Task Force of 20 representatives of State, Federal, business and Indian organizations went to St.

Paul to outline the various services each could perform for the island community and discuss the problems confronting the two tiny communities of St. Paul and its neighbor St. George.

The Task Force was organized in part by Patrick, Pletnikoff, a student at the University of Washington and a native of St. Paul with the aid of BIA Administrative Manager Gordon Tracy.

The Pribilof Islands encompass two Aleut communities who draw almost all their cash income to the harvesting of fur seals.

Currently, St. Paul and St. George are putting up a fight against the Friends of Animals, who are trying to stop the industry.

One of the reasons for the task force, according to Village Council representative Pletni-

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Kent, Wash. Family Buys Kowchee Art

A family in Kent, Washington is the new owner of the seal skin drawing by Ralph Kowchee offered for sale two weeks ago in the Tundra Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnston enclosed their best wishes to Ralph Kowchee, and support for other Alaskan artists trying to sell their work in a letter accompanying their check.

The Johnstons, according to their letter, have been reading

the Tundra Times since they first saw it at the Western Washington Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Everett, Washington.

One third of the money received for the seal skin drawing will go to the Tundra Times as a contribution from the artist.

The rest should make a pleasant Christmas surprise for Mr. Kowchee.