



NATIVE AFFAIRS DEPT. FATE MAY BE UP TO COMMISSION

BIA Transfers Ten Schools To State

The transfer of 10 Bureau of Indian Affairs schools to State operation this summer is expected to cause no major charges or problems, BIA and Alaskan officials said in public meetings in the villages affected.

They continued that the transfer was part of a pre-arranged plan between the State of Alaska and the Bureau. Under this plan, all BIA schools will be transferred to the State as soon as it is able to handle them.

Last week, Wallace Craig, Fairbanks District Superintendent for the BIA, and G. Lee Hayes, Area Superintendent for the State Department of Education, held public meetings in Minto, Tanacross, Eagle, and Northway to explain the transfer to the residents of the villages.

Similar meetings were held in the Anchorage area, where schools at Atka, Kalignek, Manokotak, New Stuyahok, and Togiak will be turned over to the State, and the school at English Bay will be turned over to the Kenai Borough.

Craig and Hayes told the
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DETAIL OF TLINGIT POTLATCH SPOON which will be exhibited in the April 8-9 showing of Tlingit-Haida artifacts in the Juneau National Guard Armory under the sponsorship of the Tlingit and Haida Group at Large, Greater Juneau Area. Many family artifacts never before on exhibit are being catalogued for the unusual exhibit, including items from Kake, Angoon, and Klukwan, as well as Juneau.

--Alaska Department of Education Photo by Ed Foster

Gov. Proposes 20-60 Native Members on Affairs Commission

Governor Walter J. Hickel will soon throw a bill into the legislature hopper to create a State Commission of Native Affairs.

And if the bill passes and the Commission, to be composed of 20 to 60 members of various ethnic groups throughout the state, is formed, then the Commission will consider the question of whether a State Department of Native Affairs should be established.

Reportedly the bill will call for the funding of meetings of the commission.

Leaders to Study Hickel's 3 Point Land Title Plan

The land claims problem was widely discussed but nothing definite was decided at the land meeting between Governor Hickel and Native leaders in Anchorage last Sunday.

A three-point plan proposed by Hickel was sent to the land committee of the Alaska Federation of Native Associations and to the various State Native groups for study. Their reports will be considered at a second general meeting,

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Governor Hickel had proposed the establishment of a Native Affairs Department prior to election but after he took office, he was deluged with protests from representatives of Native groups throughout the state.

"I don't know what reaction Tundra Times has gotten," said Allan Adasiak, special assistant to the governor, "But we have a thick file of telegrams and letters from various groups throughout the state protesting setting up the department."

Because of these protests, Adasiak indicated that the Governor had been reticent in proposing legislation.

In his State of the State message, Governor Hickel had stated that the question of whether or not the Native Affairs Department should be created would be the subject

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Hooper Bay Council Commended By Priest Electronics Students Raging At Hickel's Removal of Funds

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Dear Sir:

I was most happy to see the sensible, sane and solid thinking of the Hooper Bay village council with regard to smaller regional high schools. All wisdom is on the side of the close-to-home, smaller set-up. Like the village council mentions---they are people, not like the caribou to be driven here and there.

The other system of large urban-centered schools has wisdom only when economic values are placed ahead of personal, human values, and even economically the larger schools in the end will be more expensive.

Boarding schools are by their very nature only second best; they are a necessary evil---hence, the fewer the better. They are at times and in certain places necessary.

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Electronics Technician students at the University of Alaska have declared war after all funds for their

Chalkyitsik Seeking Sponsor For Dog Race

The village of Chalkyitsik is looking for a sponsor to enter the North American Championship Dog Race in Fairbanks this year.

Writing to Ralph Perdue of the Fairbanks Native Association, Chief Paul Thomas of the village reported that the village had 10 good working dogs and asked for help in locating a sponsor for the team.

Perdue says that he has not been able to find a sponsor.

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program were removed from the University's budget by Governor Hickel's office.

Students in the program have contacted Chambers of Commerce, Granges, civic groups, city and borough assemblies, student groups, and prospective employers to obtain help in their campaign.

Granges in the Fairbanks area held a public meeting Tuesday on this problem, and are enlisting the support of other state Granges in contacting members of the State Legislature.

Several employers, including one Federal agency, are writing to the Legislature in support of the program. In addition, at least one Representative from the Fairbanks area contacted the U of A while the publicity campaign was just getting started.

University of Alaska Presi-

dent William R. Wood and other officials will be traveling to Juneau next week to testify on the budget, and

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State Sponsored Village Hunters Bag Caribou

Hunters from Venetie, Arctic Village and Fort Yukon have returned home from a State-sponsored hunt at Bettles with 15,000 pounds of field-dressed caribou.

The villages in the upper Yukon area were caught short of meat this winter when migrating caribou missed the villages. When notified of this situation, Governor Hickel ordered an Air National Guard C-123 to transport the hunters

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