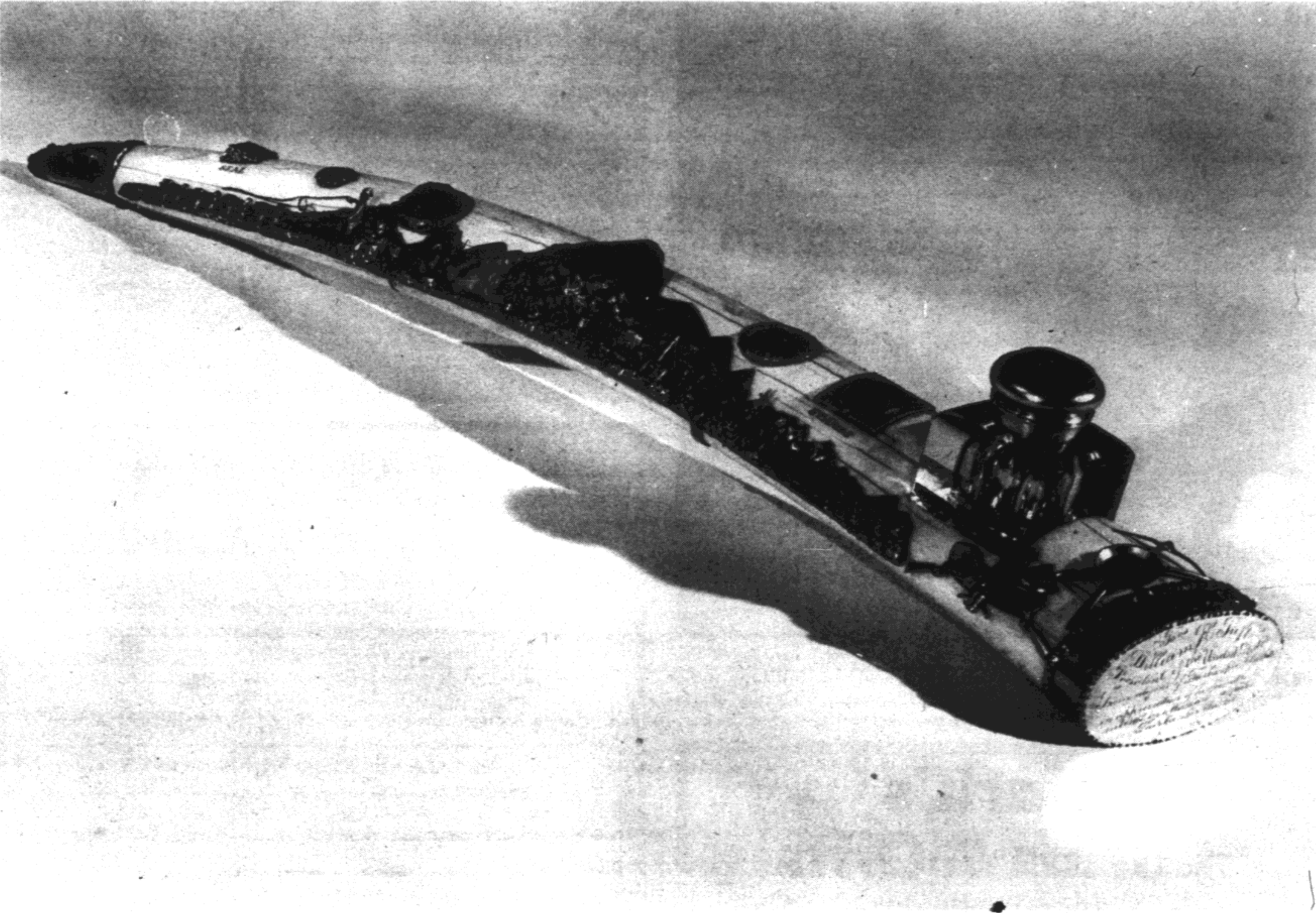


HAVE YOU SEEN THIS IVORY TREASURE STOLEN FROM UA MUSEUM ON APRIL 7



ART WORK STOLEN—This desk piece art work made by Fairbanks jeweler Harry Avakoff and given to President William H. Taft in 1910 by the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce was stolen

from the University of Alaska Museum April 7. A reward has been offered for its return.

Canada Indian Women: Double Discrimination

If you belong to a minority group and are a woman as well, you may be doubly discriminated against.

Mary Two Axe Early (ILOTA member) and 30 other women from the Caughnawaga Reserve near Montreal, recently appeared before the Royal Commission on the Status of Women with Member of Parliament Grace MacInnis.

Mrs. MacInnis had earlier broadcast a statement regarding the injustices which are imbedded in the present Indian Act of Canada:

"Although these women were born Indians on the Reserve, they are no longer recognized as such. They married non-Indian men or they were born to a mother married to a non-Indian. Such women lose their right to have any say in the affairs of the Band.

"Their children have no rights either. Indian women married outside the Band must dispose of

their property within 90 days. Their children, therefore, have no right of inherit property.

"One elderly woman showed me a family treasure, a worn parchment dated 1837, where William IV, King of England, recognized her great-grandfather as Chief of his Iroquois band. Yet this woman is no longer an Indian.

"A girl of fifteen with black hair, olive skin and eloquent dark eyes looked every inch the Indian princess of legend. She said: Who am I? My mother was born an Indian, I was born on the Reserve.

"Yet, because my father was non-Indian, I was separated from my childhood friends and forced to go to another school away from the Reserve. Off the Reserve I am regarded as an Indian. On the Reserve I am rejected as a non-Indian. I don't know any more what I am. I appeal to you: Who am I?

"Over 200 male members of the Band are married to non-Indian women of Danish, Irish, Jewish, French, Negro, German, Italian, Polish and English ancestry. All these women become Indians when they marry an Indian.

"They assume all the tribal rights and privileges that their husbands possess as specified in the Indian Act or recent patriarchal custom. They can vote on major issues governing, affecting or regulating the actions of members of the Band as well as participate in the election of a Tribal Councilor.

"The Caughnawaga delegation were not protesting against making these other women into Indians. They simply stated clearly that they, who were born Indians, should be allowed to remain Indians without discrimination.

Brutality . . .

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removed the school's superintendent and principal and transferred them to the area office in another city.

"At the request of Indian Affairs Subcommittee chairman, Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., I visited the school April 14th," stated Gravel.

"I spent more than 11 hours talking with teachers, employees, and students, including many of the 350 Alaskan youths enrolled at the school. In every case, they exhibited enthusiastic school spirit, and led me to the conclusion that the BIA report was a fabrication.

"At my request, Interior Committee chairman, Sen. Henry Jackson, scheduled the hearings for April 23rd. I chaired that meeting of the Indian Affairs Subcommittee.

"For more than five hours we questioned the BIA officials responsible for the report, and the deposed school officials."

Since the matter became public knowledge, more than 50 Alaskan youths at Chillico have written to Sen. Gravel to defend their school.

"Despite the lack of facilities and operational funds—common to all BIA Indian boarding schools—the youngsters seem proud of their school and happy to be part of it," said Gravel.

"The removal," he continued, "of the two leading school administrators has undoubtedly done irreparable harm to their professional reputations. I adjourned the hearings pending the outcome of an FBI investigation report. Several nagging questions still remain unanswered.

"Since the initial brutality allegations were made in November, why did the BIA wait until they had become public knowledge in April before removing the superintendent and the principal?"

We are never so happy nor so unhappy as we imagine.
—LA ROCHEFOUCAULD

JOHN BORBRIDGE REELECTED . .

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Central Council under the Chairman, Clarence Jackson of Kake, Alaska.

Steps are now being taken to submit the program to Congress for the purpose of obtaining enactment of legislation at the current session, to authorize use of judgment monies in accordance with the plans.

Additional important actions of the convention were adoption of a revised constitution of the Central Council and approval of a model constitution to be submitted to each of the nineteen Tlingit-Haida communities which are constituent organizations of the Central Council.

Steps were taken so each of the communities of the Tlingit-Haida Indians could be restructured in order to administer funds allocated through them for organizational and administrative purposes and to carry out the plans to promote economic and social welfare of the Tlingit-Haida Indians.

Procedures providing for bonding of Tlingit-Haida treasurers who will be handling these funds have been implemented.

An audit report prepared by certified public accountants with respect to expenditures of the Central Council under an approved budget was accepted by the delegates.

The six program plans unanimously approved by the delegates fall under the following descriptive headings:

- (1) Scholarship grants & assistance for education, professional and vocational training;
- (2) Funds for special services for the "special" (the elderly) Tlingit-Haida Indians;
- (3) Housing and loan guaranty fund;
- (4) Community development fund;
- (5) Industrial and commercial development fund;
- (6) Revolving fund for loans or organizations of the Tlingit-Haida Bank.

Delegates also adopted a resolution authorizing John Borbridge, as president of the Central Council, to appoint a committee for the purpose of exploring, in cooperation with officers of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, a feasible method to delegate certain program functions to ANB and to make available to ANB funds for such purposes.

The convention further gave consideration to an application by AFN for a loan from the Central Council for the purpose of meeting various costs and expenses in connection with the efforts of the AFN to obtain a fair and equitable legislative settlement of land rights and claims of all Alaska Natives.

In reference to the application, the delegates adopted a resolution requesting the attorney for the Central Council to prepare and present a report as to the steps which may be taken by the Central Council for the purpose of obtaining authority under the law to use Tlingit-Haida funds in order to take favorable action on AFN loan application.

Immediately after the close of the convention, John Borbridge left for Washington, D.C., to attend the hearings before the Senate Interior Committee on proposed legislation to settle the Alaska Native Land Claims.

On Alcoholism Meeting May 8

This is to notify the public that the Fairbanks Council on Alcoholism will meet May 8, 1969 at 8:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, 915 Second Ave. There will be shown a film entitled, "Time for Decision."

All citizens concerned over this problem are welcome to attend.

Committee activities will be reviewed, particularly those pertaining to Education program and counselling availability.

Hickel to Not Be at Banquet

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"Regretably," Secretary Hickel writes, "I have a couple pending commitments around that date and it appears almost certain that I will be unable to be with you. Because of this uncertainty, I want to give you a chance to line up another speaker."

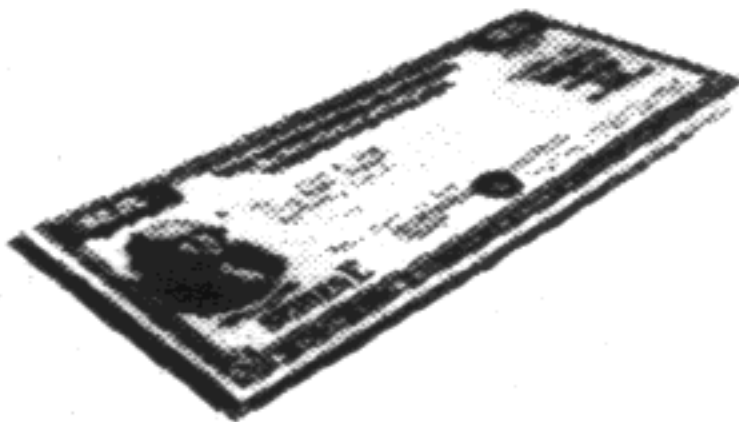
"You can be sure I would have enjoyed participating in this banquet, and the opportunity of visiting Alaska and my many friends there. If you are privileged to have Mr. Vincent Price with you, your evening will be an assured success."

The theme of the October 4 Anchorage banquet will be, "Cultural Contributions of the Native People of Alaska."

In conjunction with the banquet, fine arts and arts and crafts of the native people are being planned for exhibition around the time of the anniversary dinner.

The banquet will be held in the ballroom of the Anchorage Westward Hotel in Anchorage. Should an overflow crowd come to pass, the hotel management will make the Commodore Room available.

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