

Gravel: Pipeline Will Be Approved Before Christmas

FAIRBANKS — "The pipeline will be approved sometime before Christmas, and major construction will begin next fall."

This was the projection made

by Senator Mike Gravel in an exclusive interview with the Tundra Times on Aug. 21 in Fairbanks.

Gravel commented that the timing is a reversal of Alaska's

usual construction season, but that working when the ground is frozen would result in less damage to the tundra.

The environmental issue was an important factor throughout

the pipeline legislative and legal delays, said Gravel.

"Officials within the oil industry admitted that there would have been serious mistakes made without some of

the studies that were required."

Legislation introduced by Gravel will be responsible for extensive new boardwalks in many villages. Under the Federal (Continued on page 6)

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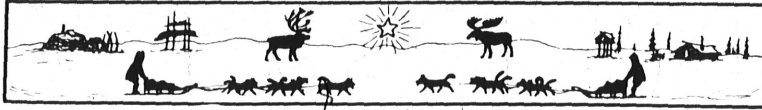
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ANAKTUVUK AIRSTRIP DAMAGED



SIX WEEK WONDERS — Trainees from five villages astonish the staff at the Summer Institute of Linguistics. Twelve villagers not only completed their course but produced, translated, and illustrated twenty-five school

books in the Athabascan languages in the remarkably short time of six weeks. (See story below)

—Photo by JACQUELINE GLASGOW

Air Force on DEWline Slaps \$100 Emergency Landing Fee in Arctic

By MARGIE BAUMAN
(Courtesy of Anchorage Daily News)

ANAKTUVUK PASS — A light plane carrying North Slope School Board President Harry Kaleak, school teacher Mike de Marco and legislative candidate Brenda Itta bumped roughly along the runway.

Their Cessna 185 was the third plane that day to land at this rustic village in the Brooks Range and within an hour another plane had set down.

Air travel is the only means of reaching Anaktuvuk Pass, several hundred miles southeast of Barrow, yet the airfield they depend on is difficult to maintain, especially in the winter months, for lack of equipment.

De Marco, a village school teacher on leave to serve as assistant to Kaleak, is discouraged over the delay in upgrading the airport.

Heavy rains in July knocked 150 feet off the north end of the 4,000 foot runway and covered the entire gravel airfield with two inches of water.

"It could be put in good condition with a cat up there," De

Marco was saying. The caterpillar grader has been purchased for the village, but has been sitting in Fairbanks for the past six months.

"No one agency has the money to bring it up and they refuse to cooperate with each other," De Marco said, with more than a trace of irritation.

The price tag on moving the D-8 cat is \$2,300 charter air fare. It's well worth it, said Itta. The 28-year-old candidate for state house District 19 became familiar with the functions and capabilities of heavy duty construction equipment while serving as secretary to U. S. Sen. Ernest Gruening in Washington in the early 1960s.

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Congressman Bemoans Cuts in BLM Firefighting Funds

U. S. Rep. Nick Begich expressed concern about cuts made this year by the Bureau of Land Management in funds for fire protection and firefighting.

"Many fires went unattended this year," he said. "Supervisors were sent back to the lower '48. Why would they cut the budget in a year in which we

had more fires, more acres of land to protect? It doesn't make sense."

"I've asked the BLM for some answers. So far I haven't gotten an answer but I'm going to keep asking until I do. I've been asking people in Washington and all over the country: Since you dramatize

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Brenda Itta and Frank Ferguson

DEADHORSE — Brenda Itta fished off the shores of Deadhorse for an hour, then flew off aboard a World War II military carrier into the blazing Arctic sunset.

Within minutes, she was asleep, a petite figure in a furry parka, weary at the end of another long day on the campaign trail.

Hundreds of miles away, in northwest Alaska villages, Rep. Frank Ferguson, D-Kotzebue, and Katy Davic, were rounding up their campaigns in the 19th District primary for the Alaska House of Representatives.

Tuesday's primary was crucial to Itta, Ferguson and Davic, all Democrats, because no Republicans oppose them. The winner of the primary will represent in the legislature the predominantly Eskimo population of this district, which is bigger than

the state of California.

"You don't look like a politician," said an admiring oil

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'Oneupmanship' at Conference

Much on 'Alaska's Oil Taxation and Regulation Policy'

By JACQUELINE GLASGOW
Staff Writer

FAIRBANKS — "Game-playing On A Grand Scale", "Oneupmanship", and "There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch" were not listed as topics on the program of the 23rd Alaska Science Conference held in Fairbanks Aug. 15-17.

Nonetheless, a symposium properly labeled: "Alaska's Oil Taxation and Regulation Policy" held on the closing afternoon turned on just such phraseology and was the liveliest session of all, winning an accolade from Vic Fischer, Director of the Institute of Social, Economic, and Government Research.

Fisher said in his judgment,

the symposium was the best he could remember in all the years he has been attending science conferences.

The imposing panel of oil and economic experts included:

—Chancy Croft, Alaska senator who chaired the joint legislative pipeline impact committee during the all-important year of legislative struggles.

—Madison H. Haythe, vice-president of New York's Morgan Stanley & Co. which has as clients "most of the major oil companies of the world."

—Richard B. Norgaard, professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley.

—Angus Beckett, British oil expert, former secretary of the United Kingdom's petroleum division, who has been instrumental in developing his country's off-shore drilling activities.

—Arlon Tussing, professor of economics with the ISEGR at the University of Alaska, currently on leave with the Department of the Interior.

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Bilingual Native Teachers —

Teachers Will Apply Bi-lingual Instruction This Fall

This fall children in five villages in interior Alaska will be taught, not only in English, but in the Athabascan language. Their bi-lingual teachers will be Native villagers who have just completed a six week training course in Fairbanks at the Summer Institute of Linguistics.

The Native speakers, representing three separate dialects of the Athabascan language family, were trained to read and write their language which traditionally existed only as a spoken one.

As six weeks flew by, not only did the twelve trainees rapidly master this task but they astonishingly set themselves the task of producing some twenty-five Athabascan books for their future pupils, translating several in use by the Eskimo Language workshop in Yupik, utilizing the Johnny and Moses books from Canada's cross-cultural program, and actually writing and illustrating original books themselves.

Staff members at the Institute said of their trainees:

"They've kept us working this summer to keep up with them!"

Their energy and enthusiasm is a deeply felt-reflection of their belief in a bi-lingual program for their villages. The program was initiated last year when Gary Holthaus of the State Operated Schools asked the people of Nikolai and Northway if they would like such a program. The response was overwhelmingly: YES!!

Soon other villages expressed

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