

Claims Progress--

3 Matters of Importance Cited

Congressman Begich (D-Alaska) reported on progress in instituting the provisions of the Alaska Native Land Claims Act.

Citing a report, "Implementing the Alaska Native Claims Act," by Robert Nathan Associates, Inc. of Washington, D.C., Begich indicated that the Administration is making efforts to comply with the Act.

The Alaska Federation of Natives is especially to be commended for providing leadership and exercising the "concept of self-determination."

Three matters of importance must take place before most of the provisions of the Act may be realized.

First, the Secretary of the Interior, Rogers C. B. Morton, must withdraw lands for Federal purposes. This matter has been of great concern to ecology and conservation groups (as well as the Natives, of course). In a letter to Mr. Morton, the Friends Committee on National Legislation highlighted concerns that Alaska Natives be consulted in matters of land withdrawals and pipeline corridors, and that mi-

gratory and nomadic corridors be withdrawn as well.

Second, Congress has yet to appropriate the funds for implementing the Act. This money accounts for the bulge in the BIA budget for FY 1973. The figure has been authorized and hearings have been held, and it is expected to pass Congress.

Third, the enrollment of Alaska Natives has begun. This monumental task apparently is proceeding smoothly.

The Robert Nathan Associates' report indicates the challenge the Alaska Natives community faces: whether Natives "will attain the power and rights of self-government to make decisions regarding its own future." They proceed to outline three areas of caution in planning if the challenge is to be met:

1) Native funds must not supplant public services available to all citizens;

2) Cooperation of villages and regions is imperative; and,

3) Immediate and visible objectives could undermine the long-range goals.

Project Career Students Selected

Five Project Career students were selected to attend a college-motivated 4-week "Upward Bound" program planned for Southeastern Alaska high school students at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka last month.

The five girls were given the good news by AFN Education Counselors, James Jack and Frank Quinto, of the Alaska Student Higher Education Services office (ASHES).

ASHES is a program dedicated to recruiting low-income high school students and motivating them to seek vocational training or higher education. "Our job is not to give out money, but to find money available for students," says Jack. "We help them get started, and then keep tabs on their progress, until they are career-ready."

Quinto, on briefing the girls about the Upward Bound Program "noticed a real change in their attitude. At first they showed very little interest in filling out the application, but after they were selected and listened to what was planned for them, their enthusiasm and eagerness was pretty rewarding in itself."

ASHES is not only involved with the Upward Bound program, but also Talent Search and Special Services. On the local level, they coordinate with BIA, Office of Vocational Re-



PROJECT CAREER STUDENTS - From left to right, front row: James Jack, Trudy Triggs, Charlie Mae Moore (Project Careers counselor), Jerri Knapp and Frank Quinto. Back row: Jolene Brown and Ann Jewell. Not pictured is Donnelle Everson.

habilitation, Employment Guidance Center, Citizens' Participation Committee, ANB-ANS, the Education Task Force and Project Careers.

Areawide, they travel to Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Haines, Wrangell, Skagway, Petersburg, Craig, Hoonah and Kake working closely with principals and counselors at each school.

"I can see a beautiful relationship between Project Careers

and the ASHES office," says Charlie Mae Moore. "Programs like this help us achieve our own goals where we 'prepare' students for either a job, higher education or vocational training."

Two additional students, Elizabeth Horton and Joe Howard were selected from the Juneau-Douglas High School. The group left for Sitka on the ferry April 4.

Interior Eskimos Meet-- New Group Concerned About Mammals

By GUY OKAKOK
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FAIRBANKS The letters were sent to Alaskan Senators in Washington, D. C. Voices of Eskimos about the mammal and so on.

Why taking the most important food of Eskimos, why stopping Eskimos for killing the Arctic whales. If so, according to the speaker who speaks in Presbyterian Church basement, said that the animals all over country also could be stopped killing them even in Lower state just the same as well.

That is if mammal whales be stopped killing them by Eskimos.

Eskimos in Fairbanks sign up

and want more signers so their names could be added to all the Northern whalers signers.

This means that these natives want to see it stays that way for killing whales because they said it's over 500 years or more since our forefathers do hunt them in their lifetime.

Some Eskimos here even said they wish this go on the way it was before. Because we Eskimos who lives in Fairbanks do get even iuktuk and meat whenever hunters in Barrow, Pt. Hope and Wainwright gets whales.

Whalers don't waste any part of the mammal whale. They saved all what its left of the whale for winter use. Eskimos never hunt games for sport. They saved it, even share some

of their catch to their neighbors. We Eskimos going to keep it that way.

INTERIOR ESKIMOS

Association of Interior Eskimos in meeting said this evening on 8th of May. We as a group of Eskimos separated from our villages or camps and living together as an Association do hereby resolve that the following rules and procedures shall be binding upon all members of this Association.

They said any Eskimos separated from their village or whose residence is in the Interior of Alaska shall comprise our membership. They said the name of this organization shall be the Association of Interior Eskimos. This organization shall be the Association of Interior Eskimos with headquarters in the City of Fairbanks, State of Alaska.

Chairman of Interior Eskimos said that their plan one of them is, have Eskimos put up and Eskimo dancing program in Eskimo village.

This is to start up, or begin, and if they can't hold it in Eskimo Village, they probably will move either to Alaska and or someplace wherever the committees wants it.

This way they said, they can raise funds. Admission on children will be 25 cents, adults \$1.00, also they are asking whether, womens could make an yo-yos, dolls, seals even carved work.

Furthermore, they can urged Eskimos to join in to become as an Interior members.

BARROW GETS TEN

Ten whales caught in Barrow: Captain Sadie Neakok, one whale; Robert Aken, one whale; Arnold Brower, one whale; Thomas Brower, one whale; Siemeon Patkotak, one whale; Allen Kaleak, two whales; Alfred Leavitt, two whales and Ralph Ahveogana, one whale.

So far so good.

The one Thomas Itta caught, ice crushed into the whale and took the whale away.

I haven't heard from others yet and yesterday, I heard when phone call from Raymond's wife to Mrs. Iplook in Fairbanks said that the ice came in and canoes had to go to a nearer safe place.



EARL KINGIK

Pt. Hope Enrollment Man Has Troubles

POINT HOPE Earl Kingik, in charge of enrolling Point Hope Natives for their share of the Congressional Land Claims Settlement, has had a "whale" of a problem contacting villagers this season.

Almost everyone in that Eskimo community is out on the shifting ice of the Chukchi Sea chasing whales this month.

In fact, Kingik, himself, is a crewman for Bernard Nash, and is not anxious to miss his turn at the paddle.

Originally deadline for com-

pletion of enrollment was May 9 and Kingik did his best to hit it, commuting by dog team and snow machine from ice to town and back to the ice when the whales were running.

He had just about everybody signed up but the most elusive whalers when the Arctic Slope Native Assn. extended the deadline and allowed Kingik to hire an assistant.

Now things are going "swimmingly" Point Hope has a record number of whales this season and Kingik has his records, too.



PASTOR SIMMONDS - Reverend Samuel Simmonds, former Eskimo pastor at the Utkeagvik Presbyterian Church Barrow, Alaska, and soon to be installed as pastor at the Eskimo community of Wainwright southwest of Barrow, has been invited by moderator Lois Stair to participate in the assembly-opening communion service. Rev. Simmonds is a native of Barrow.

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