

SECRETARY UDALL RETAINS LAND FREEZE

"The next Secretary will be faced with the very difficult decision as to whether to continue the land freeze," so said the Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall in his prepared speech written for delivery at the Tundra Times Sixth Anniversary Banquet at the Switzerland last Saturday night.

Secretary Udall by that statement ended speculations that he would announce the lifting of the freeze during his keynote speech at the banquet. Although following the main

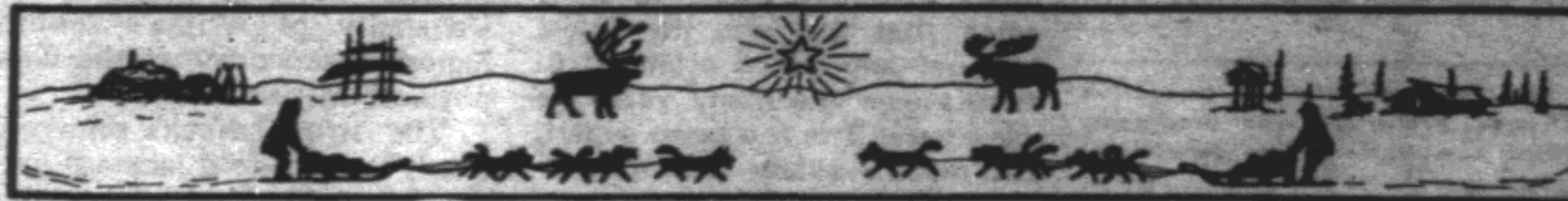
body of his prepared address, Udall for the most part spoke extemporaneously and as a result, some people almost missed his announcement that he would retain the land freeze. Some said that he "padded" the announcement as he made it

extemporaneously. Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, thought Secretary Udall made his announcement softly and subtly. Under the terms of the State native land claims legislation,

Udall was directed to lift the land freeze by October 10 (yesterday). "I am well aware that under the terms of the State's Native claims legislation I must lift the freeze by next week if the Nat-

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Conference Seen as The Solidifier for Native Organizations

The Alaska Federation of Natives conference of October 5-6 in Fairbanks adjourned at 9:35 p.m. Sunday night with some 275 delegates feeling that the meeting of the three-year-old organization was the most productive.

"I think we really achieved unity among the regional members of the AFN," said President Emil Notti.

Notti, who was re-elected unanimously a few hours previously, felt that the organization was moving rapidly toward its full potential and predicts that it will be a force that will be something to reckon with in the future.

"When they elected me unanimously it was a moving experience. I didn't expect it to come out the way it did," said Emil

Notti.

Notti will serve as president of the organization for the next two years.

One other man, Don Wright, president of the Cook Inlet Native Association, was the only other person nominated for the presidency of AFN. Wright withdrew from nomination a short while later at which time John Borbridge, president of the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians, called for unanimous election of Notti.

Notti was nominated by Ralph Perdue of the Fairbanks Native Association.

Another significant development closely watched by major politicians of the state was the delegates' decision not to endorse any political candidate at this

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PROFESSOR IGNITES MIRTH—Prof. Jimmy Bedford of the journalism department of the University of Alaska, is generating laughter at the Tundra Times banquet at the Switzerland last Saturday night. In a bit of fluster at the outset of his address to the banquet audience, Bedford encountered a mental block and forgot Gov. Walter J. Hickel's name. Before he finally got around to calling the governor his right name, Bedford addressed him as "Gov. Gruening" and some of the 600-person audience began shouting corrections to Bedford, "No! It's Gov. Hickel!" Left to right at the head table: Emil Notti, president, Alaska Federation of Natives; Sen. Gruening, partly hidden by Notti; Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall; and Prof. Bedford. Gov. Hickel, Tundra Times editor Howard Rock, masters of ceremonies, Sylvester Ayek and Richard Frank are hidden by the speaker's restrum. Convocation minister can be seen at the extreme right.

—Photo by ROBERT KOWELUK

Kito Flays Elmer Rasmuson for Endorsement Try at AFN Meeting

FAIRBANKS—A native leader from Petersburg, now living in Fairbanks, has criticized Elmer Rasmuson for trying to rig an endorsement for himself at the native convention here last week.

Sam Kito, a Tlingit Indian from Petersburg now working as an electronic technician at Gilmore Creek, said he thought it was disgraceful and undignified for a native leader to lend support to Rasmuson for money.

Kito referred to articles in the Tundra Times, the Anchorage News, and the Anchorage Times that mentioned that Fred Notti, Flore Lekanof, and Dan Lisbourn, all native leaders, had been paid by Rasmuson to fly to villages to arrange support at the AFN convention.

"I am happy no endorsement was made at the convention

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Banquet Weekend Plagued by Amusing Miscues, Boo-boos

Exceptionally sustaining comedy of errors plagued the Tundra Times Sixth Anniversary Banquet last weekend.

The big one was the time mixup in the welcoming plans for Secretary Stewart Udall who came to be the keynoter for the banquet. His plane arrived 45 minutes before the planned welcoming ceremonies.

Luckily, the editor of the Tundra Times was there to meet the Secretary and this happened by accident. He went early to the International Airport to talk over plans for the banquet that

evening with Prof. Jimmy Bedford whom he missed completely.

Fortunately, Mrs. Vernon D. Forbes was on hand with her brand new red carpet to welcome Udall. There were a few other people around.

Instead, the Secretary was taken to the Alaska Federation of Natives conference as some 300 delegates were getting ready to go to the field to welcome him. The Interior Secretary took them by surprise.

The banquet committee had expected Father Salmon, an

Athabaskan Indian minister from Venetie, who didn't show up. He was expected to deliver the convocation.

Mrs. Mary Jane Fate, a member of the Times board, began looking frantically for a minister.

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Udall Indicates BIA 'Withering' Away at Panel

"The end result would be to start slow, or maybe fast, withering away of the Indian Bureau, we might describe it that way," Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall told a slate of native students at University of Alaska during a question and answer period last Sunday morning.

Carl Jack, one of the students on the panel, had pointed out to the Secretary that the selection of Bureau of Indian Affairs teachers in Alaska might not be as high in quality as those of the state.

Jack said that this might be the reason why the lower stand-

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Times Nets \$4,450 in Stock, Also Lacks 20 to Reach 3,000 Circulation

Tundra Times stock sale at its Sixth Anniversary Banquet at Club Switzerland netted \$4,450.

Three of the buyers qualified for the distinctive award of the exclusive Walrus Tooth Club which the Tundra Times comptroller Prof. Jimmy Bedford described at the banquet last Saturday that it was the "thing" and

which is part of the anatomy of the walrus.

The "thing" such as it is, is being popularly sought after by those who qualified by buying \$1,000 worth of stock in the Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Co., the corporation that publishes the Tundra Times.

Prof. Bedford instructed the editor of Tundra Times, Howard

Rock, that he must send for at least five "things" from Nome or St. Lawrence Island where the walrus abounds in great numbers.

As soon as these are received, they will be carefully polished and sent to the qualified purchasers.

Elmer Rasmuson, Jim Bedford

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