

CSC-ACS Discuss Satellite Hookup

Sen. E. L. Bartlett has been informed that the Communications Satellite Corporation met this week with prospective purchasers of the Alaska Communications System to discuss COMSAT's proposal to bring satellite communications to Alaska.

At the suggestion of Senator Bartlett, COMSAT has drawn up plans for construction of a satellite ground station between Anchorage and Fairbanks and of a microwave ground link connecting Alaska's two largest cities with the station.

Bartlett reported that the plan has the general approval of the COMSAT board of directors and that a draft of an application for Federal Communications Commission approval to construct the facilities has been prepared.

Also in response to Senator Bartlett's suggestion, COMSAT officials are nearing completion of a study on the feasibility of the corporation bidding to purchase ACS and of a study on developing intra-state satellite service for Alaska, including rural areas.

Bartlett, in a statement prepared before he went to Chicago for the Democratic National Convention, said that under-

standably ACS officials might be concerned about the effect the COMSAT plan might have on the sale of the system.

The Senator explained that while COMSAT officials had discussed the general plan to bring satellite communications to Alaska with individual firms which have expressed an interest in purchasing ACS, the joint meeting would provide a forum for prospective bidders to comment on a specific proposal. "I believe that this meeting should clear up any concern that ACS officials might have about the impact of COMSAT's plan on the sale of the system," Bartlett said.

"Reports have reached me that some persons contend that for the immediate future it might be cheaper to expand existing facilities connecting Alaska with other states than to construct a satellite ground station. That contention is not widely accepted, but even if it were I do not believe Alaska should saddle itself with an outdated communications system just to secure some very small short-range rate reductions," he continued.

"Looking to the future, and I am talking in terms of as little as five years, satellite service will not only offer cheaper and better communications, but also provide a potential for transmitting television broadcasts direct from the other states," Bartlett said.

"In terms of news and special event broadcasts alone, such service would do a lot to bridge the communications gap which separates Alaska from other states.

"Looking ahead to the not too distant day when there is a satellite system serving the entire United States, and when there will be a channel or channels in that system dedicated to public broadcasting of news, public service, instructional and cultural programs, it would be short-sighted indeed to delay bringing satellite communications to Alaska in return for short-term rate reductions with little or no improvement in service," Bartlett stated.

Airline Doubles B-737 Jet Service

Current Wien Consolidated Airlines schedules more than double the B-737 jet service between Anchorage and Fairbanks, A. E. (Bud) Hagberg, System vice president-marketing, announced this week.

The jet will depart Anchorage at 7 p.m. daily; 8 a.m. daily except Sunday; and at 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Wien jet flights will depart Fairbanks for Anchorage at 9:05 a.m. daily except Sunday; daily at 8:15 p.m. and a 3:15 p.m. departure Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. F-27 departures will be 2:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

F-27 flights to Whitehorse and Juneau will leave Fairbanks at 9:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with the return flight to Fairbanks departing Juneau at 4:15 p.m. and arrival in Fairbanks at 5:30 p.m.

Land Selection

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because Sen. E. L. Bartlett is in Europe and Sen. Ernest Gruening was not in Washington.

"Pollock will testify today as a first witness before the Senate Committee on this vital matter," said Frank Albert.

2,000 Native Students Move So. for School

More than 2,000 students from remote villages in Alaska are moving southward like migratory birds until Sept. 8. They are headed for high schools and colleges in Alaska and elsewhere. Nearly half of these are going through Anchorage and another 600 through Fairbanks on Wien Consolidated Airlines.

It takes some doing to schedule this movement of students to minor and major collection points and get them and their luggage headed in the right direction. Some attend high schools and boarding schools within Alaska in the larger towns, others go to Wrangell Institute and Mt. Edgecumbe. Still others go to Chemawa, Ore.; Haskell Institute, Kan.; Chillicothe, Okla.; and Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Jean Paal of Western Airlines in Anchorage has been the unofficial coordinator for the airlines; Bob Huff in Anchorage and Tom Packer in Fairbanks handle the Wien Consolidated schedules. Robert Portlock in Anchorage and William Long in Fairbanks are the Bureau of Indian Affairs coordinators.

Central collection points are Bethel, Nome, Kotzebue, Kodiak, Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau and Ketchikan.

Jean says that those going out for the first time are shy and afraid but that they return in the spring, poised and sophisticated. The stewardesses all comment on how well-behaved these children are.

UA Mail Study Courses Upped

COLLEGE — An expanded program of correspondence study courses is being offered this fall through the University of Alaska, according to an announcement by Dr. Robert L. Smith, head of UA's Department of Evening Classes and Correspondence Study.

Among the fields of study available are accounting, economics, anthropology, English, history, and various phases of mathematics, political science, psychology, sociology, and education.

A maximum of 32 semester hours of correspondence study work will be accepted toward the requirements for a baccalaureate degree at the university, Dr. Smith said.

"Correspondence study has proved valuable to persons who want to accumulate credits in subjects on an introductory college level before entering college on a full-time basis," he said. "This type of study also is convenient for persons who have a degree in a specific field but want to reach a higher job status by obtaining more college credits."

Dr. Smith said the university also offers correspondence courses to military personnel in cooperation with the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. "This enables enlisted men and women and officers, located throughout the world, to further their education at reduced rates," he explained.

Persons interested in beginning correspondence study through the university may contact the Department of Evening Classes and Correspondence Study, 105 Eielson Bldg. University of Alaska, College 99701 or phone 479-7221 or 479-7222.

New Psychiatrist for Mental Health Team

Dr. John M. Ackerman, psychiatrist, is the new Chief of the Mental Health Team for the Alaska Native Health Area. A commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Ackerman succeeds Dr. Joseph Bloom who was the first head of the program which began in Alaska two years ago.

A native of Milwaukee, Wis., Dr. Ackerman completed his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan where his major was psychology.

He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and served a medical internship at Mount Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. His residency in psychiatry was completed at Mount Zion Hospital in San Francisco.

His wife, Ruth, was graduated in Medical Social Work from the University of California. The couple's first child, David Ethan,



Dr. John M. Ackerman
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was born in Anchorage August 10.

BIA Promotes Emil Kowalczyk

Emil Kowalczyk, Education Specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has been promoted to the position of Deputy Assistant Area Director for Education, it was announced by Warren Tiffany, Assistant Area Director of the Bureau's Division of Education.

Mr. Kowalczyk's promotion is to the position vacated by Mr. Lloyd Watkins who recently transferred to the BIA's central office in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. Kowalczyk has been with the Bureau in Alaska since 1950. He has had teaching, supervisory, and administrative experience at several interior day schools. He was an Education Specialist in Nome Agency office, and Principal of the BIA's Kotzebue Day School before coming to Juneau Area Office in 1963.

In his capacity as Education Specialist in the Area Office, he has been in charge of a variety of BIA programs for Alaska including Adult Education and as a liaison with the Rural Alaska Community Action Program.

Locally, he is president of the Junior Babe Ruth baseball program, and is active with the Boy Scouts of America. Emil and his wife Marvella, and their son Thomas, reside on the North Douglas Road.

Times Banquet . . .

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tonight at the Travelers Inn. The combination invitation and brochure is in the process of preparation and the invitation chairman, Miss Rhoda Forslund, is already preparing a list.

All the native leaders throughout Alaska will be invited. Some 250 of them are expected. They will attend the Alaska Federation of Natives annual statewide conference in Fairbanks on October 5.

After a day's session, the group will converge to the Switzerland where the banquet will be waiting for them. The AFN conference will wind up on October 6.

Gov. Walter J. Hickel, Congressman Howard W. Pollock, Sen. Ernest Gruening and Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett, on a "maybe" basis, are already committed to be at the banquet.

All of the state legislators will be invited and the nominees for high offices, Mike Gravel, Elmer Rasmuson and State Sen. Nick Begich will be sent in-

Foster Homes . .

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in the unfortunate children who have the same cultural background. The reason being that these children do not thrive as well as they could in culturally different homes.

The Child Welfare Program will subsidize the families who help by providing maintenance money for each child placed.

Generally, it is \$121 per month of age thirteen and under and \$174 per month for those over the age of thirteen; the amount of money varies in each case and is dependent on the individual need of each child.

However, if a family has more than five children, they do not encourage more responsibility since the child might not receive the maximum benefit.

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The Child Welfare Center is located in the Chena Building, Room 210, their telephone number is 456-4142, they are open from eight in the morning until four thirty in the afternoon and they are there five days a week. The Department will be glad to furnish informative booklets to interested people.

On weekends, Mr. Peterson can be reached at 479-2859. HOMES.. PLEASE.. ANY ONE??

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