



CONFERENCE OF OLD NATIVE PEOPLE IN PLANNING STAGE

Six Anaktuvuk Men to Attend Meeting Here

Six elected delegates from Anaktuvuk Pass will talk with State and Federal Agencies in Fairbanks Monday to discuss their problems and the question of moving the village.

After receiving answers, the delegates will return to the village to discuss this information with the rest of the people. The villagers will then decide what action would be best for their own welfare. Residents of Anaktuvuk Pass have to travel about 40 miles round trip to obtain fuel, and spend about one day of every two backpacking it to the village. They are having to travel farther each year to obtain willows suitable for burning.

Because of this problem,
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Philosophies of Elderly Leaders Deemed Vital in Present Unsettled Times

Philosophies of older Indian and Eskimo leaders from across the country will be recorded at a meeting planned by the Myron Institute, an organization related to Adelphi College in Garden City, New York.

Sylvester Morey, a trustee of the institute, has asked the Bureau of Indian Affairs to supply a list of names of older Indian leaders across the nation. The institute will then select leaders to attend the meeting and will pay for expenses of the trip.

The reason for the meeting, according to Mr. Morey, is that a record needs to be made of the philosophies of these

older leaders because they can be of value in the present, unsettled times.

In Alaska, the BIA and individuals in various areas of the state are providing a list of names for the BIA to send in. Persons from this list will be chosen by the institute.

Among those suggested from Interior and Arctic Alaska are Peter John, Minto; Andrew Isaac, Tanacross; Guy Okakok, Barrow; Lennie Lane, Sr., and Jimmie Killigivuk, Point Hope; Theodore Hunter, Sr., Hooper Bay; Oscar Nictune, Allakaket;

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EYE SURGERY SUCCESSFUL—Evon Olympic, a 106-year-old Aleut from South Naknek, recently completed successful cataract surgery at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. —PHS ALASKA NATIVE HEALTH SERVICE Photo by BETZI WOODMAN.

106-Year-Old Evon Olympic Has Successful Cataract Operation

Evon Olympic, a 106-year-old full blooded Aleut, recently completed successful cataract surgery at the PHS Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

The vigorous old man says he was born "at fish camp

where a river flows into a lake," somewhere between Bristol Bay and Cook's Inlet,
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Governor Calls Conference on Native Housing

Governor Walter J. Hickel has announced a meeting of key members of his administration, Native leaders, and Federal observers for May 25-26 in Anchorage to develop a specific program for the solution of Native housing problems.

The governor said he plans to appoint 10 Native leaders as a Native housing task force, under authority given him by the 1967 legislature in the creation of a Rural Affairs Commission.

Hickel said the meeting will be a continuation of administration efforts to get the Native Housing Act into operation.

"The program has been moving," Hickel said. "It is of the utmost concern to us." He said he was confident that

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Housing Suffers \$1 Million Cut

A \$1 million appropriation to start the Native housing program in Alaska was cut from the Federal budget last Friday by the House Appropriations Committee.

The committee "is of the

opinion that plans and standards for this program need further refinement and no funds for this program are recommended at this time," according to reports from Washington.

The appropriation was requested by President Johnson to start the \$10 million program to help provide adequate housing in the rural areas of Alaska.

At a meeting held in Anchorage Saturday by the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Cook Inlet Native Association, Senator Ernest Gruening said that he and Senator Bartlett would work for restoration of the funds when the appropriation bill reaches the Senate.

However, he warned that this could be chopped in half as a compromise between the
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AFN to Establish Full-Time Lobbyist

The Alaska Federation of Natives has decided to establish a full-time lobbyist in Washington, D. C. to promote causes of interest to the Native people of Alaska.

The position will be offered to State Representative Willie Hensley of Kotzebue, says AFN vice-president Don Wright.

If Hensley accepts the job, he will go to work "just as soon as possible," says Wright. "We've got to improve our communications if we're going to achieve any of our goals."

The decision to support the lobbyist came after the House Appropriations Committee voted to cut \$1 million from the native housing budget request.

In addition to trying to get the cut restored, the lobbyist will help with such causes as land claims legislation.

AFN is starting a major drive to collect the necessary funds to get Hensley on the job lobbying for the housing appropriation. The National Congress of American Indians has offered office space for the lobbyist.

Steps Made to Move Fur Seal Research to Alaska

The first step toward moving the Federal fur seal research program to Alaska has been taken by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

C. Howard Baltzo, program director, said the bureau has asked for funds for suitable laboratory facilities in Alaska for its seal research work. The location has not been chosen, but it could be in Western Alaska to bring it closer to the fur seal harvest in the Pribilof Islands.

Baltzo also said the bureau was "making progress" toward transferring the administration of the entire fur seal program to the Alaska division from the Northwest regional headquarters in Seattle. It will "almost certainly" be

transferred to Juneau within the next year or two, he said.

Processing of the fur seals is handled primarily by Fouke Fur Co. of St. Louis. An experimental contract with Pierre Laclede Fur Co. was terminated this year; three other smaller firms, including Pacific Seal Co. of Anchorage, are experimenting with small lots of pelts "in hopes of someday competing with Fouke."

The harvest for this year is expected to be 55,000 bachelor seals and 15,000 surplus females. Baltzo noted that the fur market was now poor on an international scale, and profits from the seals could be down.

Editorial—

Flubs Retard Progress

The native people of Alaska, the older ones at least, in their efforts to get education in the style of the Western Culture, were made to understand that civilization can do little wrong and that its ways were the best in the world. The native people believed this and with good reason in many cases. Those, especially the ones who

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