



ALASKA'S GOVERNOR Walter J. Hickel, left, presents a plaque from the Alaska State Centennial Commission, to Marvin Taylor, Supt. of the White Pass Yukon railroad. The plaque honors the railroad's "outstanding contribution to Alaskan

history," and features a matched set of Centennial medallions numbers "98", which symbolize the 1898 gold rush which lead to the construction of White Pass & Yukon route.

Anaktuvuk Men to Attend Meet . . .

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the villagers requested help this year—first to haul fuel by sled train, and later to move the village to the fuel.

Umiat was suggested by some villagers as a possible new site for the village, and on April 28 the village elected a committee to study the proposal to move. Both supporters and opponents of the move are among the delegates.

On Monday at 9 a.m., representatives from 20 State and Federal agencies and Native organizations will meet with the delegates in the Bureau of Indian Affairs conference room in Fairbanks.

At the meeting, the agencies will provide information about any sites in which the village

is interested, and will describe the help they can give if the village moves, stays, or part moves and part stays.

Reports from Anaktuvuk Pass indicate that the lack of fuel is now critical, and the villagers are anxious to move as soon as school is out.

Thirteen village families are reported to want to move to Umiat; five want to move past the treeline in the general area of Anaktuvuk Pass.

One major problem the villagers have is a lack of the information necessary to make the decision on whether and where to move. The BIA is sponsoring the conference to provide that information. Once they have this in-

formation, officials stress, the villagers will have to up their own minds about the proposed move. Once they have made the decision, and come up with a feasible plan, the agencies and associations will help them carry it out.

Elderly Leaders . . .

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Kivotoruk Moses, Nome; Chester Seveck, Kotzebue; Peter Simple, Fort Yukon; Bessie Henry and Chief Henry, Huslia; Little Beatus, Hughes; Misel, Nulatto; Maggie Elia and Mrs. Jimmie, Tanana; and Emma Willoya, Nome.

Other leaders have been suggested from other areas of Alaska, but the complete list from Alaska is still being drawn up.

The persons suggested from Interior and Arctic Alaska have been prominent in leadership in their particular areas and have rich knowledge of the old days before and during the time when civilization came to the remote areas.

Among them, Peter John of Minto and Andrew Isaac of Tanacross are presently chiefs of their villages; both are around 70 years old. Isaac has had very little schooling, yet is an eloquent speaker.

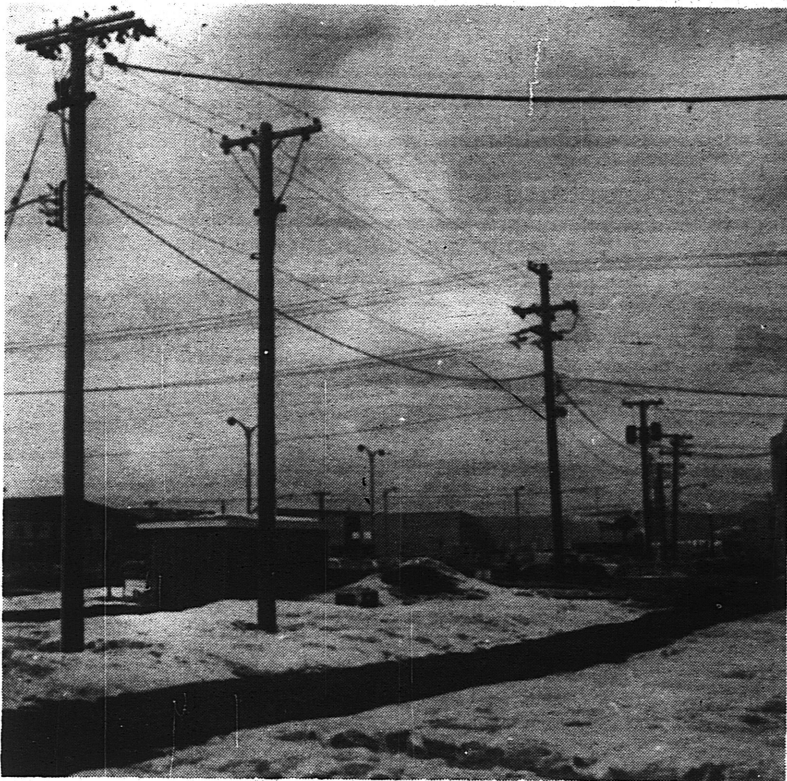
Guy Okakok is a columnist for the Tundra Times in Barrow and, when Inupiat Paitot, the first Eskimo organization in Northwestern Alaska, was formed in November, 1961, he was named its chairman. He is about 68 years old.

Lennie Lane, Sr. and Jimmy Killigivuk have been involved in the leadership of Point Hope in former years and are authorities in the cultures and customs of the area. Both are over 70.

Killigivuk participated in one of the expeditions of Vilhjalmur Stefansson in the early part of this century.

Theodore Hunter, Sr. is an oldtimer from Hooper Bay. He has written for Tundra Times and has seen his people in comical light when they first came in contact with civilization, such as the time when the first airplane landed in the

ASHA Offering \$100 Prize for Best Plaza Landscaping Design



TO BE DECORATED—The Alaska State Housing Authority is offering a \$100 prize for the best landscaping plan to disguise these utilities along a pedestrian plaza in Fairbanks.

The Alaska State Housing Authority is offering a \$100 prize for the best design for landscaping a pedestrian plaza extending from Fifth Ave., at the sewer lift station, to Third Ave., behind Woolworths, in Fairbanks.

ASHA is trying to camouflage the utility poles, lift station, and boxes that are already in place along the site of the plaza. They are looking for a design that will

make the plaza look beautiful for both tourists in summer and residents in winter.

A plot plan is not necessary; sketches of ideas will be satisfactory. Only individuals may enter—companies, firms, and agencies are not eligible. The contest closes June 15.

For further information, or to submit entries, contact Helen Atkinson, 226 Chena Building, 456-7751.

Fairbanks Head Start Program Given \$45,926

The North Star Borough Community Action Agency has been granted \$45,926 as a Federal share of the Head Start program for this summer, announces Senator Ernest Gruening.

The program will be conducted by the North Star Borough School District for 75 children.

The local share of the program is \$10,874. Federal funds were granted by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Housing Suffers \$1 Million Cut . . .

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House and Senate versions. "The House is more chintzy than the Senate," he commented.

At the meeting, the former executive director for housing for the Alaska State Housing Authority, Charles Blomfield, charged that the cut had been made because the new State administration had failed to complete plans started under Governor Egan's administration.

Blomfield earlier stated that funds for the planning were included in a Federal grant of almost \$200,000 made to ASHA, and that the authority had worked on the plans, even though it had never been formally told to do so.

Edwin Crittenden, the present executive director of the authority, said he had been surprised to learn that the agency had not been so designated but that it was starting to develop the necessary program materials.

He defended the administration, saying the planning could not come "until we

have the money in hand."

A Native housing meeting, including state officials, Federal observers, and Native leaders, was announced for May 25-26 in Anchorage by Governor Hickel 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 by the 1967 legislature in the creation of a Rural Affairs Commission.

Hickel said he was confident that funds would be restored by the Senate to allow the problem to begin.

State Representative Willie Hensley of Kotzebue, returning from his visit to Washington, reports that the State has until July 10 to work out a plan.

On that date, the Senate Appropriations Committee will meet, says Hensley. "If a plan is submitted by that time, Senator Bartlett will have something to work with."

Lowell Thomas, Jr. Rebuts . . .

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explain my action on this resolution in the Senate, but first let me inform you and your readers that I am NOT going to be a statewide candidate for anything in '68; my term in the state-Senate is for four years and I will serve there for at least that long. I am writing solely because I don't like to see misunderstanding go unchallenged—the result can only be an undesirable increase in sectionalism.

First of all, I have stated publicly many times that I regret the downgrading of geographical representation in our legislature. However, I do not believe that a national Constitutional Convention is the way to remedy the situation. Such a convention would not necessarily be limited to consideration of the "Dirksen Amendment." Many other constitutional changes might be proposed. Anything could happen! I believe that our Constitution, although perhaps not perfect, has served us well as America has developed into the richest, most powerful nation on earth. The calling of such a convention could be like burning down the house to get

rid of the mice!

In voting against this resolution I also resented the pressure that was brought to bear upon many of us in the Senate by the aides of Senator Dirksen, via the long distance phone. I don't like having my arm twisted in the middle of the night, as was the case.

Those of us in the state Senate who voted against this convention — calling this resolution did so primarily because we feared what could happen if our nation's Constitution were opened up to amendment; this includes our most able Majority Leader, Brad Phillips who acted in a highly responsible manner as an Alaskan and an American legislator. You can't imagine the pressure he withstood from the national level!

Finally, Mr. Editor, I urge you to examine the voting record of all Legislators during this last session; I think you'd be surprised to see just how many friends your readers have in the Legislature.

Thank you. Best wishes—

Sincerely yours,
Lowell Thomas, Jr.