

Over 200 Alaskans Testify at Anchorage Hearing

Over 200 Alaskans from all walks of life, and all points of view, testified on the environmental impact of a trans Alaska pipeline during five days of Interior Department hearings in

Anchorage last week.

The U.S. Interior Department Environmental Impact hearings began Wednesday (Feb. 24) at Sydney Lawrence Auditorium in Anchorage with several hours of

testimony from State officials.

Alaskan politicians "measuredly stumped for ecology; then voted unanimously for the pipeline" according to Allan Frank of the Anchorage Daily News.

Governor William A. Egan led off the testimony by yielding the podium to Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) who had to catch a plane for Washington.

The governor led a scheduled

two hour presentation by state officials who stressed Alaska's insular pride and desire to develop as a full-fledged state of the Union.

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MINTO SUPPORTS OIL PIPELINE



SUPPORTS PIPELINE—Minto villager Richard Frank, who represented his village at Washington, D.C. environmental hearings, explains why his people voted to support oil pipeline con-

struction if their stipulations on payment to the Native people for oil damage to their livelihood are met.

—Photo by MADELYN SHULMAN

Seeking Stipulations For Bonded Protection Against Line Breakage

By MADELYN SHULMAN
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The village of Minto has voted to support the construction of a trans Alaska pipeline if the pipeline company agrees to stipulations for a bonded guarantee of the safety of the environment.

The statement of support was announced in Fairbanks

Friday by Richard Frank, who represented the village at the U.S. Interior Department Environmental Impact Hearings in Washington, D.C.

"We the native people of Minto, upon a majority vote, have agreed to take the unified stand that we are for the construction of the pending pipeline, with certain stipulations that all native Alaskans (Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts) be bonded and compensated by a written guarantee (to hold) for the safety and security for our protection in the event of a breakage of the pipe line.

"This guarantee must also cover the conservation of the wild life, the land, the waters, during the entire duration of operation of the pipe line.

"For the guarantee of employment on a first priority basis of all Alaskan Natives. We propose that all Alaskans support this as a unity for all Alaskan well being."

"We decided we owe it to

the general public to take a position for or against the pipeline," said Richard Frank.

White Alaskans are now feeling the pinch of unstable economics," said Frank. "We've lived with this year long, 365 days per year, in the outlying areas.

"With guarantees of safety
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Flood Conference Set for Mar. 16 In Fairbanks

The Alaska Disaster Office, in coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Alaskan Command, the City of Fairbanks and other agencies will hold a 1971 Flood Conference at Fairbanks on Tuesday, March 16.

"Operation Floodfight '71" will consist of a planning conference on March 16 followed by a limited training exercise on the following day. The conference will cover the statewide flood potential areas and responsibilities of local, state, federal, military and independent agencies.

Over fifty agencies have been invited to attend the conference, including representatives of the Fairbanks and Anchorage news media. Due to the necessity for adequate coverage of many
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Employment Assistance Program—

FNA May Soon Take Over BIA Prog.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Progress toward the signing of a contract between the Fairbanks Native Association and the Bureau of Indian Affairs for operation of the bureau's employment assistance program can be expected soon, according to BIA Community Services Deputy Director Flore Lekanof.

The Tundra Times inquired last week to the BIA why the contract sought by the FNA had not proceeded as swiftly as the one recently signed between the bureau and the Tlingit and Haida Central Council.

Lekanof explained that the FNA could not proceed in seeking the contract until it was informed of the employment assistance budget for the Fairbanks agency program.

He assured the Tundra Times that the FNA would receive the budget and the negotiations on the contract would follow.

Lekanof noted that, after the announcement of the Tlingit and Haida contract was made last week, Alaska Native groups had made a number of inquiries with regard to the BIA's policy of contracting out services to Indian tribes and Alaska Native groups.

He indicated that briefings

would be made by the bureau to any interested parties in Alaska in order to explain the BIA's contracting policy.

A statement issued by the BIA explaining the new policy changes announced by Commis-

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Sen. Henry Jackson Schedules Harris-Kennedy Bill Hearings

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee Chairman Henry Jackson (D-Wash.) said this week that further hearings on Alaska Native land claims legislation are scheduled for March 16.

Senator Fred Harris (D-Okla.) requested during claims hearings on February 18 that further hearings be scheduled on a bill introduced by him which contained provisions sought by the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Informed sources indicate that these may be the last hearings scheduled before the committee begins to consider legislation in executive session.

Reaction to Senate Bill 835 introduced by Senator Harris

and nine others, is reported to be less than favorable between Alaska Senators Mike Gravel and Ted Stevens.

Sources indicate that the Alaskan Senators feel that the

Cheerleaders in English and Eskimo—

Kotzebue Pups Win Tournament

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KOTZEBUE, (Special) — The 7th and 8th graders were going to have their own tournament. And they had to earn money if they wanted other teams to come to Kotzebue.

The cheerleaders had bake sales, sock hops, jello sales.

Mr. Robb and Mr. Merritt

said they would go and get the boys and they did with their own airplanes. There was five out-of-town teams that were here and here are the names of the teams, Nome, Akiachak, Kiana, Unalakleet and Noorvik.

The tournament was going to start February 12, 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Akiachak and Unalakleet played at 3:00 o'clock Akiachak has four cheer-

leaders. They can cheer in English and in Eskimo. Unalakleet has six cheerleaders. They are all very good cheerleaders.

Akiachak won the basketball game. At 4:30, Kotzebue and Kiana played a basketball game. Kotzebue has seven cheerleaders. The Kotzebue cheerleaders were the ones that had to earn the money for the tournament. Kot-

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