

## Bill Asks 15-year Extension For State Land Selections

Alaska Senators E. L. Bartlett and Ernest Gruening have introduced legislation (S3406) which will grant the state a 15-year extension on its authority to select mineral lands from the federal domain in the state.

The State's present authority to select mineral lands expires on January 3, 1969, ten years after statehood.

Initially, the authorization was given to the state for a five-year period, but was extended in 1964 because the five-year period was deemed insufficient.

The Interior Department has refused to process state land selections because of pending native land claims.

Sen. Bartlett observed on introducing the measure that "since there is no way of knowing how long it will take before the land claims are settled, it is only fair

that the state be given additional time in which to make its mineral claims."

### Shungnak Spring

By FRANK CLEVELAND  
Shungnak, Alaska

Well, the good old spring time again up here in Alaska. Good to have the sun up here and make the climate warm.

The caribou are up this way and good to have fresh meat. It's been a long time since the caribou gone up this way for this year.

And the bears are out of their hibernating places. Some of the people saw some and one of the Ambler people caught one; the way we hear from them.

And the other game are up here like geese, ducks, birds and so on.

## Whaling Bomb Explosion Injures Two Barrow Whalers

By GUY OKAKOK  
Barrow Correspondent

BARROW, (Special)—Bomb explode in one of the umiak crews. They were about to strike a whale, when they came to the whale the person who has the shoulder gun, 40-pounders, he pulls the trigger, then the bomb what's in the gun barrel explode and gun pieces hit one of the crews on his hand and another on person leg.

The person who had most hit name is David Leavitt. They took him right away to Fairbanks.

Heard today that he got operation in the hospital.

### WHALES CAUGHT

\* Five whales were caught last week, first one on 2nd of this month, another 2 on 3rd, another 1 on 4th, 5th one yesterday on 6th.

Names of the persons who shot them as follows: Luther Leavitt, Donald Nusnuginya, Ronald Coates, Loila Itta and Allan Kaleak.

### CONSTRUCTION

Burgess Construction are still working on village air strip, we do not know how long they will work on it.

### 300 MILES OUT

Heard today that the expedition who travels due north are now over 300 miles

## Bartlett Optimistic About Housing Bill

Senator E. L. Bartlett expects the Senate Appropriations Committee, of which he is a member, to consider and act favorably upon the \$1 million appropriation for the Alaska Native Housing Program authorized two years ago.

"I have no doubt that the Senate committee will approve this vital program for Alaska. Last year the Senate committee approved \$1 million for the Native Housing Bill, recognizing the great need of many native Alaskans for decent housing. Unfortunately, the House did not view this great need with such sympathy and refused to approve the money," he stated.

On May 3, several weeks

after Senator Bartlett had appeared before the House subcommittee which considered the Native Housing appropriation, the full House Appropriations Committee reported favorably on the \$1 million to initiate the Alaska Native Housing Program which has been authorized for a total of \$10 million.

The next step along the legislative trail is consideration, and expected approval, of this measure by the House of Representatives. This would clear the way for Senate action.

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### NO DARKNESS

There is no more darkness here in Barrow, 24 hours daylight all the way through.

And that means we won't be able to see darkness for at least 3 months till MIDDLE of August.

### SOMETHING SPECIAL

Next issue from my column is will be about the small people. Folks, don't miss it. Because, I'm working on my last chapter.

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