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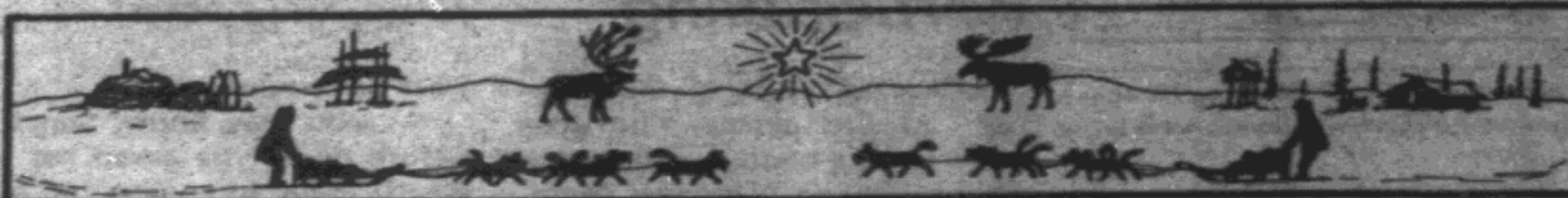
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# GAS POWER ON FOR BARROW

## Gravel Seeks Village Affairs Authority

U.S. Senate Candidate Mike Gravel emphasized the importance of Native participation in all programs designed to improve conditions in Alaska's rural villages.

Gravel, recently returned to Anchorage from a tour of South-eastern Alaska towns and villages, said, "The fact of the matter is we need the help of Alaska's Native poor before we can spend one cent on them."

The candidate called for formation of a Village Affairs Authority, a body which he said would be composed of federal, state, and local agencies with Native leadership to organize and oversee these problems.

"Most of our attempt to reach poverty-stricken villagers are haphazard, uncoordinated, and unplanned," Gravel said. "And—more importantly—they are often done without real knowledge of Native needs."

The Village Affairs Authority with its combined agencies approach and its Native participation would avoid the duplication, inefficiency, and neglect that have occurred in the past, the Senate candidate explained.

"What we want is a planned, orderly, systematic way of dealing with these problems."

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## Editorial—

## Barrow Should Gird to Rule Own Community

With the discovery of great oil resources on the North Slope, it is already becoming very evident that great many people will be traveling to the north and quite a few of this great influx could be seeking room to live in the community of Barrow.

During the quite a few years in the past to the present, Barrow has been noted as one of the larger Eskimo communities that has its own officials—its own longtime residents—the Eskimos. Barrow city council is known as one of the most effective local governments in northern Alaska. Having had this, Barrow has been moving forward with energy toward realistic community development that has amazed out-of-the-area observers. Barrow has zip and go because of its strong local government whose members are calculating and who are not afraid to speak out for their people.

In view of the probable influx of people to the Top o' the World community, the present leadership there should look ahead and plan to keep its own governing powers to continue while keeping in mind the needs and requirements of those who will be coming in to live. Some of those incoming people will probably become

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**BARROW GAS POWER**—Former State Senator Eben Hopson of Barrow is delivering the main dedicatory speech during the recent ceremonies to dedicate two 750 KW natural gas turbines that will supply electric power at the big village of Barrow. The new facility is expected to be operated by an all-Eskimo personnel in the future.

## ASNA Tells AFN Oil Men are Interfering with Land Use

Last week, President Emil Notti of the Alaska Federation of Natives sent a telegram to Gov. Walter J. Hickel in protest to the personnel of the oil companies regarding the treatment of the native people of the Slope in connection with the use of lands traditionally.

The following wire is self-explanatory: "Alaska Federation of Natives is as gratified as you are with

the discovery of oil on North Slope. Economic development that will follow will create opportunities for hte Native people there. We are extremely distress predictions had affected their own capabilities.

"Today, without a major accident yet to occur attributed to the mishandling of natural

## Rasmuson in Denial of 'Rig' Charge

U.S. Senate candidate Elmer Rasmuson, subject of recent attacks that he was attempting to "rig" or "buy" votes of Native people, spoke out in his own defense this week in Fairbanks.

Rasmuson, in Fairbanks for appearances with Gov. Walter Hickel, Congressman Howard Pollock, and Republican candidates, had this to say about the Native support he is getting.

"There has been a charge against me, and I want to talk about it with a great deal of pride.

"You know, I believe in Alaskan leadership, and I believe in our Native people. I was born in a Tlingit village.

"Statements have been in the public press that I had representatives who tried to go out and 'buy' Native votes. Those of us who know the Natives know you don't buy Alaskan votes. That's impossible!

"I am proud of the fact that I have Natives on my staff, both in my business and in my campaign. And if I am elected, I am going to have more Natives on my staff. I have also said that I will never vote for the confirmation of the next Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs unless he is an Alaskan Native."

## New Facility to Be Manned by Eskimos After Training Period

A sparkling new facet of progress caught up with the people of Barrow and although complex in nature, it will eventually be operated by the Eskimos themselves.

Two 750 KW gas turbine generators were dedicated and put into motion on October 11 after impressive dedication ceremonies attended by Barrow Eskimo leaders, Bureau of Indian Affairs officials, and other dignitaries.

Eben Hopson, an Eskimo and

the executive director of the Arctic Slope Native Association, and newly elected second vice president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, a statewide native organization, was the main speaker of the dedicatory ceremonies.

"We have today," Hopson said, "electricity in every home. Ten years ago, only those who could afford to operate a small light plant had power however unstable it may have been."

"Today, we have one of the finest operated light plants in the state, and now are about to still further our progress at the starting of a brand new turbine generators."

Hopson said that after years of efforts, even through Congress, for 20 years, the residents of Barrow were finally authorized the use of natural gas.

He said it had been discouraging at times when outside opinions predicted huge gas explosions and accidents of major proportions. He said these dire

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## Heavy Work Load, Deadline Prevents Writing of Story

Because of the heavy workload and the fast approach of the deadline, the editor of Tundra Times found it extremely difficult to work on the October 21 Governor's Labor Task Force meeting in Anchorage with the officials of the major oil companies.

As soon as he hurdles the present deadline, the editor will work on his notes and other material to write a story of the unique and interesting meeting and the story will appear in the November 1 issue of the Tundra Times.

## Alaska Legal Services Board to Meet in Nome

The Board of Directors of Alaska Legal Services Corporation will meet October 25th and 26th in Nome. The Corporation, which is funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington D.C., provides free legal services in Alaska to those who cannot afford to hire a private attorney.

The Board of Directors will meet in the City Council chambers upstairs in the Nome City Hall. Meetings will begin at 9:00

a.m. and will last until 5:00 p.m. with a break for lunch.

The Board is meeting in Nome to discuss ways and means of providing the most complete legal service possible to Northwest Alaska.

They expect to determine what the local people want and need from Legal Services. This cannot be done unless they are told about:

1. What kind of legal problems

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