



NOW IT'S OFFICIAL—Dr. Charles Lafferty, right, superintendent of Fairbanks North Star Borough District Schools, hands out graduation certificates to warehousing students as teachers look on.

## Eleven Village Warehousing Students Finish MDTA Course

"There wasn't anything to do in our villages, except seasonal work," a member of the warehousemen graduating class explained. "Now I'll be able to get a job all year round."

His 10 fellow students nodded in agreement. They had just completed a 16-week course sponsored by Rural Area Redevelopment in Fairbanks.

Now they can take one of the numerous jobs offered them by warehouses. Salaries will start at \$750 a month in cities, \$1,000 a month in isolated areas. A good man can work himself up to warehouse supervisor within a year and make up to \$15,000 in a few years. Most jobs also

include room, board and fringe benefits.

All members of the class were from villages. Though they will have to leave home for the job, many will be able to find work near enough to go home for visits.

During the 16-week course, the students, all high school graduates, spent half their time brushing up on English and arithmetic skills. They learned to type records and letters. They learned to take inventories and check orders.

The other half of their time was spent running an imaginary warehouse, and coping with its problems. Their teachers were Endslow Garrett and Kay Whipple. Completing the course were

Sammy Akpik, Patrick Suvlu, Lloyd S. Nageak, Leslie A. Itta, all of Barrow. Also Fred Segock, Nathan H. Murray and Arnold Jemewouk, from Elim. Others were Charles A. Ekak and Burrell B. Negovanna, Wainwright; Lincoln J. Shavings, Nunivak Island; Mekoryuk; and Michael C. Atoruk, Kiana.

Tuition, room and board was provided for students under the Manpower Development and Training Act. Though another warehouse course has not yet been scheduled, interested persons have been asked to apply to Walter Taylor, director, Vocational Education, North Star School District, 1504 Gillam Way, Fairbanks.

## Governor to Harold: 'Let's Talk About Girls' Harold, Sleepily: 'No Thank You!'

A three-foot totem pole arrived with Harold Riach, 12, at Fairbanks from Wrangell this week.

Harold, the Tundra Times top newspaper boy, carved it himself. Among other talents, he plays the harmonica, coronet, piano and baritone. He is catcher for Wrangell's Little League baseball team. Moreover, he is a B plus student in school.

He and a younger brother and sister were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Riach of Wrangell, a year and a half ago. At the time, they were living in a Korean orphan home outside of Seoul, Korea.

Though they knew no English when they arrived, they quickly made themselves at home in Alaska.

Harold started to play with the high school band that greets every tourist ship stopping at Wrangell. His dad is director. His mom, Patricia, plays the tuba with the band.

He helped his dad with fishing during the season. He built up a Tundra Times newspaper route from nothing to 80 papers a week. But best of all in his opinion, he became friends with Tom Ukas, Wrangell's best carver. Totems fascinated Harold from the time he arrived in Wrangell. He tried to carve a few himself.

Then he met Ukas who gave him carving lessons. Ukas,

the last person in Wrangell who knows all the stories of the Chief Shakes I house, started teaching them to Harold. He bought Harold a Tlingit ceremonial costume. Now Harold helps tell the stories to visitors to the house. The building is a fine example of Tlingit ceremonial house.

"Some tourists want to tape record Mr. Ukas stories, but he doesn't want that," Harold explained. "He only tells them part of the story. He wants the stories to be saved only in the old way—by memory."

Harold said Ukas is going to make him the next chief of the Chief Shakes House. The reason seems to be that the bright Korean boy shows far more interest in the old Tlingit legends than do Wrangell's Indian boys.

The Tundra Times decided to honor Harold for outstanding salesmanship by bringing him to Fairbanks for a '67. An appointment was made for him to meet Governor Walter J. Hickel Tuesday morning when the Alaska State Ferry from Wrangell docked at Juneau Tuesday morning. Harold presented the governor with one of his totems and a photographer was on hand for the meeting.

According to Harold, the conversation went something like this:

Governor: Let's talk about

something while he takes our picture. What would you like to talk about?

Harold (still sleepy from a night on the ferry): I don't know.

Governor: Let's talk about girls.

Harold: No thanks!

Since arriving, Harold has spent much of his time at the fair. He has been shopping for gifts for his two brothers and two sisters, all adopted. Today he is giving pointers to Fairbanks newsboys. A parachute show and a baseball game also are scheduled.

The Tundra Times is looking for other newsboys like Harold. Anyone who thinks he can do a good job selling papers should apply to the Tundra Times, Box 1287, Fairbanks.

## Tanana to Get State Trooper About July 15

Tanana will get a State Police trooper about July 15. Trooper Claud Swackhammer, now on the Fairbanks State Police force will cover the area from Beaver and Stevens Village down through Galena and Ruby. He also will cover the territory north and northwest of Tanana.

Car loaded for vacation? Protect the valuable things and people inside! Alaska State Troopers say: LOCK UP when you get out...BUCKLE UP in between. Get the SAFETY HABIT!

## Task Force Meets...

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councils may carry out construction or handle collection of loans.

Local materials, labor and lumber will be used wherever possible. Home builders will get credit for land and labor donated toward the final cost of the house. The cost may not exceed \$7,500.

Economic viability, a controversial criteria in earlier discussions, remained a feature of the rough draft. Development plans, potential economic development and adequacy of local subsistence economy will be considered in granting loans.

Terms for repaying loans will be based on ability to repay. It is hoped that by creating a loan as well as a grant program, the money can be used over and over.

Senator E.L. (Bob) Bartlett last year received approval for his \$10 million native housing bill to upgrade native housing in Alaska.

This year's budget was to include \$1 million, but the state failed to present a plan as to how the money would be spent. The money was slashed from the house appropriation, but state officials have received assurances it can be saved through the Senate appropriation hearings.

Members of the task force on the state housing committee are Laura Bergt, Rep. Jules Wright, Fairbanks; Mrs. Don Young, Fort Yukon; Barbara Trigg, Nome; Rep. John Sackett, Huslia; Sen. Ray Christensen, Bethel; Emil Notti, Anchorage; Richard

Stitt, Juneau; Andrew Demoski, Nulato; and Eben Hopson, Barrow.

Among the government agencies represented are the Housing Authority, Rural Development, Local Affairs, Economic Development and Planning, Administration, and Federal-State Relations.

States Attorney Edgar Boyko and Hal Drinkall, Rep. Howard Pollock's assistant, attended the meeting at Fairbanks. Robert Arnold, Senator Bartlett's aide, all were present.

## Korean Newsboy

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mouth.

Mr. Rock and Miss Turner was already waiting for me at the airport.

I took a nap after visiting the Tundra Times office. After I got up, it seemed like that it was morning time so I had some bacon and eggs and kept on thinking that it was yesterday when I came to Fairbanks.

So far I have been in Fairbanks two days really. But in my mind I have been in Fairbanks three days.

Yesterday I went to the A-67 and saw many new, old, interesting things. I rode a train around the A-67, saw the blanket toss, Eskimo dance, and a picture show.

Tonight Mr. Rock, Miss Turner and I will go to the Showboat there. I hope we will have a nice time.

## Other Voices—

### THE PROBLEM IS MORE THAN HOUSING

THE EASY way to spend federal funds that may be appropriated for native housing would be to buy prefabricated houses and ship them to Alaska.

The hard way would be to find some basic designs that would serve the need and could be constructed from local materials. Then, in addition to housing, the villagers would have a payroll and the area would have an industry.

The first approach requires little more than a shopping tour. The second requires careful coordination between a few state and federal agencies.

Within the next few days all concerned must agree on a program so that a case for native housing funds may be presented to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The press of time might encourage state leaders to take the easiest way out. That would be an unfortunate decision.

THE PENDING million dollar appropriation would provide 125 homes, or maybe a few more depending upon the type of home selected. The need for housing is beyond dispute. But housing is one element of the total problem. A carefully coordinated program could result in maximum benefit from each dollar spent.

The payroll generated would distribute the fruits of the program beyond those fortunate enough to achieve housing. The industry generated would be a permanent asset to the region in line with the governor's insistence on economic development programs.

Responsible state officials must look at the total problem in determining a course of action or else the native people will receive less than total value from the housing program and all future programs designed to meet the pressing needs of Alaska's native peoples. It is a more difficult approach, but clearly worth the effort. — J.R.

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