

Exhibition Opens At Kaloa Building

The Indian and Eskimo Arts and Crafts Exhibition, sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has opened for the summer at the Kaloa Building, Anchorage. Contemporary and traditional work of 94 artists is included. Several Alaskans are represented.

They are William Blackmore, Nathan Jackson, Haines, Richard Fredericks, Red Devil, and Charles Tega, Tanacross, who are showing their silk screen printed textiles.

Also Jerry Norton, Kivalina, showing jewelry; Bill Prokopiof, St. George Island, wood carving; Irene Simon, Hooper Bay, and Victor Ward, Juneau, pottery, and Benedict Snowball, Stebbins, metal work.

The exhibit represented the United States in the 1966 Edinburgh Festival, Scotland and the 1966 Berlin Festival, West Germany. It also was shown in London, England and Ankara Turkey last fall.

Most artists in the exhibit have been students at the Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Some of their work reflects

Indian and Eskimo heritages. "But some of the native artists and craftsmen do not look at their Indian or Eskimo heritage as an art springboard," James A. McGrath, assistant director of arts at the Santa Fe school explained. In many cases, the artist conceives "his art as a very personal statement over and above any tribal heritage that he may have. The Indian and Eskimo artists in this exhibition have a right to stand in dignity alongside any working artist today, creating anywhere."

Among the most striking features of the show are traditional ceremonial objects hanging next to contemporary abstract interpretations of these objects.

An outstanding slide show of art, nature and traditions is presented. It is accompanied by a tape of poetry written by students at the New Mexico school.

McGrath is in charge of the exhibit. He is assisted by several of his students from Alaska. They are Loretta June Boster, Wainwright; Shannon Gallant, Juneau; Jacqueline D'Cafango, Juneau; Dennis Stover, formerly of Knik, now living in California and Larry Ahvakana, Anchorage.

Man Who Tries to Get to Russians Arrested in New York

Michael Natale Rocco, 42, is still trying to get to the Russians. He was arrested June 21 in New York when he attempted to enter a Soviet United Nations mission, armed with a .32 caliber pistol and a hunting knife.

Rocco has tried to reach Soviet Siberia at least three times from Nome in recent years. He was arrested in September, 1964 for kicking a man out of his own bed late at night. In his possession at the time was a copy of a letter asking Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to meet with him because he had a plan for world peace.

Once Rocco got as far as Wales, 28 miles from Big

Forest fires are still raging in remote parts of the state with overhead emergency fire fighters and smoke-jumpers fighting day and night to get them under control.

The largest fire, The Rogers Fire, covers 22, acres is located 75 miles NW of Fairbanks and 15 miles South

Tlingit-Haida

Roll Reaches Far

Tlingit and Haida Indians from as far away as New Guinea and South Africa have checked in by mail at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Juneau.

Almost 16,000 applications for tribal enrollment have been received by tribal affairs officer, Roy Peratrovich. That's twice as many as the highest estimate had been.

Enrollment will entitle Tlingits and Haidas to a share in the \$16,000,000 land claims settlement for Southeastern Alaska. An attempt is being made to raise the amount of the settlement.

Deadline for enrollment is today, June 30, but Peratrovich said an extension had been requested.

Application does not automatically entitle a person to a share in the settlement, Peratrovich pointed out. The person must prove his connection with Alaska.

Diomedes, a Soviet possession. Another time he was arrested walking to Wales.

According to a Nome airline operator, Rocco also reported having been arrested in Finland and Denmark while trying to get to Russia.

of Stevens Village and is still out of control.

The 6 acre Taylor Mountain fire located North of Tok is now under control and is being demanned as is the 2,000 acre Millers camp fire and the 1,000 acre Sand Creek fire.

Other fires not under control as yet are the 4 acre Black River fire north of Fort Yukon, the 5 acre Beaver Creek fire of Fort Yukon, and the 5 acre Union Creek fire east of Rampart.

Fires under control and ready to deman are: The 4 acre nation fire north of Eagle, the 2 acre wood-chopper fire, the 15 acre Deadman Mountain fire, and

the 2 acre Sourdough fire.

The limited rain in the interior part of the state has had very little effect on the forest fires. Thunderstorm activity is expected in the McGrath area today.

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