

ARMORY



VETERAN SCOUTS—Three more members of the original Alaska Territorial Guard are posing at the Bethel Armory. They joined the ATG in 1940 and are now with the Alaska National Guard. Left to right: James Lott, fisherman-trapper; Peter Lott, storekeeper, both from Tuluksak; and Sgt. Carl Kawagley of Akiak.

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ORIGINAL ATG MEMBERS—Three members of the original Alaska Territorial Guard organized by Maj. M.R. Marsten are getting ready to go to Camp Carroll for the annual encampment. Left

to right: Sgt. Wassilie George, Sp/4 James Peter, and Sgt. Jacob Nelson. They are from the village of Akiachak.

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Bill Hately Flies ANG Boys then Joins Them

Bill Hately, was one of several Wien Consolidated Airlines Pilots who ferried members of the Alaska National Guard from remote villages to Bethel last week. But there was a difference.

Once the job was done, he put on his guardsman uniform and joined the last flight. Each year he takes two weeks to attend the annual encampment at Camp Carroll.

Bethel-born Hately attended the University of Alaska for a year. In 1961 he went to officer candidate school to be commissioned as an officer in the Guard. Later he took army flight training, received his wings and instrument rating.

He is one of approximately 700 Guardsmen who came from 31 villages in the lower Yukon-Kuskokwim area. Out of a population of 1,800 able-bodied men, about one-third of them are Guardsmen.

"The real story of the Guard here is in the men. They are

hunters, fishermen, traders, councilmen and leaders in their communities," says Maj. Donald Shantz, commander of the Second Scout Battalion, 297th Infantry with headquarters at Bethel.

The battalion is made up largely of Eskimos who are alert eyes and ears for the Alaska military establishment.

In a well-coordinated effort, approximately 1,100 Guardsmen were airlifted from all over northern Alaska in a little more than two days. Three airlines participated in the movement—Wien Consolidated, Alaska and Reeve Aleutian—with Wien moving most of them.

The men were flown to collection points by small planes where they were picked up by larger aircraft and taken to Camp Carroll. Despite adverse weather at some points on Feb. 13, 14 and 15, the movement was accomplished on time.

Bill Introduced to Construct \$4 Million Student Union Bldg.

Legislation to construct a \$4,000,000 student union building at the University of Alaska was introduced last week in the House of Representatives.

Representatives Mike Bradner, joined by Representatives Don Young and Tury Anderson, and Speaker Jalmar M. Kertulla, sponsored the bill to authorize a revenue bond issue to finance the project.

Senators Terry Miller and Ed Merdes had earlier introduced an identical bill in the Senate, which is now under consideration by the Senate Finance Committee.

In a joint statement, Bradner and Miller commented;

"The present student union building was built in 1954 for a much smaller enrollment. The building is now grossly inadequate for current student needs. The proposed new structure would provide enough space to meet the requirements of a rapidly expanding number of students."

"The revenue bond issue would require no tax monies. The facilities planned in the building, such as a cafeteria and bookstore would generate the

Governor Pleased on Final Approval of Housing

JUNEAU—Alaska's Governor Keith Miller took evident pleasure last week in announcing final approval by the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the Alaska Remote Housing Implementation Plan.

The Governor had been informed of the action by Alaska's senior Senator, Ted Stevens.

On February 17 Senator Stevens conferred with the Office of the Secretary at HUD to urge immediate positive action on the plan by the Department. The legislation leading to this plan was originated by Senator Bart-

let. In 1969 the plan calls for a \$1 million expenditure in grants and loans by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to Alaska. The money will be utilized for construction of low income housing and related facilities for Alaskan natives and other Alaskans unable to finance such facilities on their own.

The program and funds will be administered by the Alaska State Housing Authority(ASHA) Governor Miller quoted Sena-

tor Stevens as saying, "I feel that the few changes made to the original plan have not substantially changed the intent of Senator Bartlett in providing public housing in Alaska in a program tailored to meet Alaska's unique housing situation."

The Governor commented, "This action demonstrates that the State can work effectively with the Federal government to better the lot of all Alaskans, and our congressional delegation is working hard to move such matters along."



PILOT-GUARDSMAN—Bill Hately, Wien Consolidated pilot out of Bethel is also a member of the Alaska National Guard. He helped to assemble some 700 Eskimo Scouts in Bethel by flying them to the central point where larger planes picked them up. When the last contingent left for Camp Carroll near Anchorage, Hately joined them for the annual encampment.

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Too Few Native Jobs— Senate Resolution Calls for Job Probe

The Alaska State Senate has directed Gov. Keith Miller to in turn direct Willard Bowman and his Commission on Human Rights to make a study of Alaskan native employment.

Bowman is the executive director of the commission.

Passing a resolution sponsored by 12 senators by voice vote, the Senate asked the commission to investigate the state's practices, procedures and law relating to the hiring of Alaskan natives.

The study would include examination of training programs and would also determine "what

administrative regulations, personnel rules and statutes may be unrealistic or otherwise deter full employment."

The resolution pointed out that the "employment of Alaskan natives remains too low, due to various sociological and educational factors, as well as administrative regulations, personnel rules and statutes which impose unrealistic requirements or otherwise deter full employment."

The commission was directed to report to the second session of the Sixth Legislature.