



## HENSLEY: I'M NOT RESIGNING

### Misunderstanding of News Release Causes Flurry of Questions

Due to an apparent misunderstanding resulting from an article that appeared in the Tundra Times on Sept.

#### Dept. of Labor Funds Borough CAA in City

The North Star Borough Community Action Agency was informed by Sen. Ernest Gruening yesterday that the U.S. Department of Labor had approved and funded the CAA's \$675,460 Operation Mainstream project.

The project calls for the rehabilitation of the area's parks, playgrounds and other public facilities. The program will employ 106 low-income men for an intermittent period of 26 weeks in the next year. The men will work 40 hours per week at the rate of \$3.75 an hour.

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1. Rep. Bill Hensley has been frequently asked whether he is planning to resign his seat in the State House of Representatives in favor of studying law.

"Ever since I hit Anchorage and Fairbanks, both friend and foe seem to think that I'm leaving the state and resigning the state legislature," said Hensley.

He said it was "unfortunate that the press release sent out by the University of New Mexico was two and a half months late in coming as it referred to summer law program beginning June 17 and ending on August 9."

"It has not been my intention to leave the legislature to attend law school," said Hensley this week. "I will complete my term and remain in office as long as the voters of my district want it that way."

In reference to the letter  
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#### Federation Footnotes—

### Emil Notti Disagrees With Atty. Gen. Boyko

A study group from the University of Wisconsin under contract to the Federal Land Law Review Committee was in Alaska the first week of September to gather information on federal land laws. One panel was devoted to Natives and the land laws.

Attorney General Edgar P. Boyko made a presentation in which he stated that the present land freeze was blatantly illegal that the native land claims have no legal foundation that the state was being driven into bankruptcy by the land freeze and that the state was going to submit a "com-

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**LIFE SAVED FOR WEE PATIENT—** Happiness is not only when a dying child is rescued, but also when she comes back to normal infancy, complete with smiles. Sharing the happy-to-be-alive smiles here with baby Erma Sookiyak of Shaktoolik at Alaska Native Medical Center are Dr. Martha Wilson, ANMC Director, and Dr. James A. Hirschfeld, assistant chief of pediatrics at the Center. Erma's "Mohawk" haircut was required to let physicians get to her scalp veins for intravenous injections, one of the vital steps taken to save her

life two months ago. The child was in a desperate plight and had completely stopped breathing when she arrived at the Center's outpatient department. She required mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, tube insertion and 36 hours of mechanical ventilation before she started to breathe again on her own. Erma's perkiness now is allaying physicians' fears of possible brain damage, a not-unexpected effect from such serious medical difficulties.

—Photo by PHS Alaska Native Health Service

### Governor Calls Special Session September 29

Governor Walter J. Hickel, through a proclamation, announced last week that a special session of the Alaska State Legislature will be held on Friday, September 29, in the state capitol in Juneau to map out assistance to the flood damaged city of Fairbanks and villages of Nenana and Minto.

The proclamation declared, "The nature and scope of assistance necessary for individuals and communities in the affected area has made apparent the need for certain legislative action to insure prompt recovery."

A public clamor arose soon after the August 14 flood in the interior that a special session be held to alleviate

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#### OEO Backs Plan—

### REA Conducting Meetings to Study Village Electrification

Two Washington representatives from the Rural Electrification Administration left last Sunday to begin a series of meetings throughout Alaska in connection with the proposed electrification of native villages.

Ralph Mill, formerly with REA in Alaska, and now assigned to the Washington office, is accompanied by Glenn Smith, REA's liaison officer with Office of Economic Opportunity on the project.

The men expect to meet with the Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Federal Field Committee, University of Alaska, government and union rep-

resentatives and their own REA people in the state. The REA men are in Juneau

#### Fairbanks Flood Damage Contracts Over \$4 Million

With the award of a \$9,000 contract to Jefferson and Son of Fairbanks for the repair of City Meeting Hall, the Alaska District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded 59 service and construction contracts totaling \$4,143,652.70 according to Lt. Colonel Jack L. Haygood, Chief of the Corps' Fairbanks

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for a series of meetings with state and federal officials until the end of the month. They will later make a side trip to Anchorage and Stony River.

On October 1, they will go to Fairbanks and then on to Kotzebue and Noorvik, return to Anchorage on October 5 and then back to Washington on October 6.

The REA men's main concern at this point is to get all interested Alaska organizations and individuals informed and to assist the formation of a native controlled electric cooperative.

Additionally, they expect to complete the application

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### BIA, BLM Sign Reindeer Industry Work Agreement

An agreement designed to speed the creation of a self-sustaining Alaskan reindeer industry has been signed by the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs and Land Management and the State of Alaska, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced last week.

The agreement, Udall said, sets forth areas of responsibility in "a united effort to improve the economic base for the Native peoples of Alaska by making the reindeer industry a continuing and increasing source of jobs and income."

Under the agreement's terms, all parties will work to encourage the Northwest

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