

## Eskimo Scout . .

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from the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta.

The citation said: "This award is presented by the officers and men of the Second Scout Battalion to Senator Ernest Gruening for the loyal support and understanding he has exhibited in his dealings with the Eskimo Scouts. He has on many occasions given unselfishly of his time and effort to enhance the activities of the Second Scout Battalion, Alaska's finest citizen soldiers."

## Special Session

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the flood-ravaged areas but Gov. Hickel, apparently reluctant to call a session at first, called it politically motivated.

Two weeks ago, at a press conference in Fairbanks on the subject of Small Business Administration, Senator E. L. (Bob) Bartlett, seemingly impatiently, remarked, "The state legislature has done nothing at all... The state has not moved."

While attending the State Legislative Council meeting in Fairbanks to explore what the state might do to assist the flood-damaged areas, Rep. William Hensley of Kotzebue said:

"The call for the special session was almost late in coming. I favor the special session because it is apparent that Fairbanks, Nenana and Minto will need state assistance."

"I don't think that the job of recovery from the flood should be left totally to the federal government, as has been indicated by certain state officials."

Sen. Brad Phillips, chairman of the Legislative Council, said the Council was going to call a special session anyway if Gov. Hickel didn't.

Wallace O. Craig, regional supervisor for the Fairbanks District of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, testified before the Legislative Council.

He said the houses at the village of Minto suffered little structural damage because they were log houses with no basements. The village, however, suffered heavy losses in fishwheels and sleds.

"They will face a hard winter but Minto will be taken care of," said Craig.

He said the American Red Cross did a good job in giving aid to the people of Minto.

Some of the native people in Nenana, Craig said, were interested in moving to higher ground away from the present flood-prone location.

He said, however, the move might jeopardize Corps of Engineers' plans to build diking to protect government properties (Alaska Railroad and other facilities) and which would also protect the town of Nenana from floods.

Craig also said that the residents of Nenana, both native and non-native, were closely integrated.

The average of the 5.8 million veterans of the Korean Conflict is 38, according to the Veterans Administration.

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**RELIGIOUS TRAINEES**—Senator E. L. (Bob) Bartlett meets with eleven young Alaskans receiving religious training this summer at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary in Scarsdale, New York. In Senator Bartlett's Washington office are, bottom row, left to right: Leonella Gratis, St. Paul Island; Evelyn McLaughlin, Karlak; Susan Buterin, St. Paul Island; Matushka Platonida Gromoff, Unalaska; Carol Komkoff, Tatitlek. Top row, left to right, are: Eugene Bourdukovsky, St. Paul Island; Philip Peninjohn, Old Harbor; Elia Epchook, Egegik; Senator

## HENSLEY: I'M NOT RESIGNING . .

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written by young Thomas Richards, Jr. of Fairbanks, in which Richards expressed concern that Hensley might relinquish his seat in favor of law study, the Kotzebue lawmaker said:

"I think Tommy was misled by the article but I'm happy that, although he is outside of my district, he is concerned about the kind of representation that the people in my district have."

"If there is anything a politician needs, it's a friendly critic. Along with their elders, we need more young people in the state concerned about the pressing public issues."

The letter in question was published in the

September 8 issue of Tundra Times.

While attending the summer law program in New Mexico, Hensley had occasions to do some public speaking on the state of politics in Alaska and on the issue of land claims in the state.

After completing the program at the University of New Mexico, he traveled to Washington, D.C. and spent two weeks there.

"I spent the time there speaking with federal officials regarding Alaskan programs, such as the poverty program," he said.

He also had occasion to discuss reindeer industry and the work of the Public Health Service in Alaska.

## Reindeer Industry Work Agreement

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Alaska Reindeer Herders Association to develop the reindeer industry.

The BIA will be responsible for the promotion and development of the ranching aspects of the program, until Native leadership develops skills to assume this responsibility.

The BLM will be responsible for the management of the habitat and for investigating the potential of new areas for grazing, consistent with the principles of multiple use.

The State of Alaska will assume the responsibility for advice, guidance and promotion of the slaughtering, processing and marketing phases of the industry.

The agreement calls for the establishment of an Alaska Reindeer Industry Advisory Committee of four members, one from each of the signatories plus the Herders Association. The Committee will provide general direction, supervision and leadership in the reindeer improvement program.

At present there are about 42,000 reindeer in 16 private and two government Alaskan herds. Not native to North America, reindeer were introduced to Alaska around the turn of the century.

Under almost ideal conditions the herd increased to more than 630,000 by 1932.

However, because of a depression-caused falling market, over-grazing, inadequate herding, predator increase, losses due to straying off with closely related caribou herds, several severe winters in the late 1930's and the diversion of interest caused by World War II, the total number was reduced to a low of 26,000 in 1950.

All parties to the agreement see potential for an increased reindeer development in expanding demands for red meat protein in this country and the Far East.

The Alaskan range land now available for use can support an estimated 500,000 reindeer.

Bartlett; John Evans, Anchorage; Phillip Levshakoff, Tatitlek; and Raymond Pratt, Hoonah. The eleven Alaskans and their chaperones held an informal half hour chat with the Senator during which the conversation ranged from the need for more priests in Alaska to the heat in Washington to the students' impressions of Washington and New York City. After their weekend in the Nation's Capital, the students returned to their studies at the Seminary.

## Borough CAA . .

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A local blue ribbon committee has been working on the proposal with the CAA and Larry Brayton, CAA Executive Director. Brayton is presently in San Francisco working out details of the program with Labor officials.

The committee consists of Borough Chairman Harold Gillam, Fairbanks Mayor H. A. "Red" Boucher, and three representatives from local labor unions. The union representatives are Dwayne Carlson, J. A. Kornfiend and Lee D. Corkran.

The men in the program will be interviewed by the local office of the Alaska State Employment Service and placed on the job according

to their abilities and skills. The men will be recruited by both the CAA and the Employment Service.

The federal grant is for \$589,260. Another \$86,200 will be raised from local sources. The project will receive some help from the "Let's Build Fairbanks Fund." The federal funds come from the Office of Economic Opportunity and are administered by the Labor Department.

In its 165 hospitals, six independent outpatient clinics and three outpatient clinics where no VA hospital is located, the Veterans Administration employs 16,000 registered nurses plus 26,000 nursing assistants, including more than 3,500 licensed practical nurses.

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