

# Eskimo, Indian Firefighters . . .

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fighting crews on our fires..."

Frank Hamerski, assistant fire boss, Eagle Zone Fire, Prineville, Oregon, said: "It is the best crew on the Eagle Creek fire. This was the work I got from the boys on the line (sector bosses). Well trained and know what to do with hand tools and pumbers."

"Highly diversified, very good morale, they don't poop out. They don't ask to go home a couple of days. These people deserve a real commendation. We have used them as hot shots—we kept them for the hottest and worst spots. They seem to look forward to getting to the

worst parts of the fire. They are careful workers and have no injuries."

Art Gerity, fire boss at China Creek:

"Performed very well. As a matter of fact, excellent. As good or as better than the best. I would certainly want them back again if I had the chance to get them, and there are a lot of crews I wouldn't say that about. They disciplined themselves very well."

Loren Glade, sector boss, Missoula District:

"I enjoyed working with them and would rather work with them than any other crew here. They are reliable. Give them something to do, walk away, and the work will

be finished when you get back. They don't complain."

"If I could pick a crew, I would ask for them everytime. They are deliberate in their work, thorough, and steady. They were used primarily on mop-up—which is very boring. But they stick to it better than any other crews."

"In my opinion it was well worth the trouble it took to bring them down here. I don't think anybody that ever worked with them has regretted it."

The above are but a few of the words of praise tendered toward the Alaska native firefighters. The caliber of their work is summarized by Keith Neilson, superintendent at the Glacier National Park, Montana, in his letter to BLM Director Boyd L. Rasmussen:

"We have had supervisory overhead from various national parks throughout the Nation, assisting us on fire suppression activities. Hence, if and when this Service experiences other major forest fires, I believe you should anticipate prompt requests for the services of your Alaskan firefighters."

## Fort Churchill . .

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engaged for the Northern Service was coverage of the Arctic Co-operatives Conference at Povungnituk, N.W.T. in March 1966.

He replaces Raoul St-Julien who was recently appointed Manager of Northern Services radio CFWH in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

Mr. Charpentier is 24 years of age and single.

## Flood Contracts

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Flood Center.

Work under 29 of the contracts has already been completed.

Only a few more contracts need to be awarded to complete the Corps' work in the rehabilitation of Fairbanks, Colonel Haygood added.

All contracts have been funded by the Office of Emergency Planning, Executive Office of the President.

The 25.8 million veterans now in civil life range in age from teenagers to over 90. Their average age is 44 years, according to the Veterans Administration.

# Venerable Politicians Face Rough Sledding

The theme of "Youth Versus Age" may be crucial in several 1968 senate campaigns from Arizona to Alaska, according to the Congressional Quarterly, a weekly Washington magazine on government.

According to the Quarterly's boxscore, incumbent senators from Arizona, Alaska, Illinois, Iowa, Vermont, Ohio and perhaps Kansas will be faced with formidable campaigns by fresh-faced, young candidates promising vigor and new spirit.

Presently girding for this type of campaign are senators Carl Hayden (D), 89, of Arizona; Alaska's Ernest Gruening (D), 83; Everett McKinley Dirksen (R), 74, of Illinois; Iowa's Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R), 70; George Aiken (R), 74, of Vermont; Ohio's conservative Frank Lausche (D), 71; and perhaps Frank Carlson (R), 74, of Kansas. Of these, Hayden, Carlson, Lausche and perhaps more will be challenged in their own primary races.

Hayden, despite his age, appears to be seeking another term, according to the Quarterly. He will be faced with the possible opposition of his staff director, Roy Elson, 36, in the primary, and former senator Barry Goldwater in the general.

Alaska's Gruening is expected to be flanked with republicans spurred by 1966 electoral victories. Gruening, an outspoken critic of President Johnson's actions in Viet Nam, may be opposed by Alaska's lone U.S. Congressman, Howard Pollock (R), 46.

In Illinois, democrats are putting stock in young attractive state treasurer Adlai E. Stevenson III (D), 37, son of the late governor, as a candidate for the seat of venerable Everett Dirksen.

Young Illinois democrats expect to use the campaign techniques that helped Senator Charles Percy (R), 47, dump incumbent Paul Douglas last year, in a campaign that will emphasize Dirksen's age.

In worse shape is Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa, who will be challenged by the energetic, incumbent governor, Harold E. Hughes (D), 45. Hughes is taking hope from the narrow percentage (54.1%) that Hickenlooper ran

up in 1962 against lesser opposition.

Ohio's democratic Senator Frank Lausche may never get a swipe at the republicans at all. In his own party, he is faced with strong possible candidates in former representative John Gilligan, 45, or former state senator Frazier Reams Jr., 38, both of his own democratic Party.

For Senator George Aiken of Vermont, his claim to 27 years of experience may become an election liability. Phillip Hoff, a three-term winner at governor who is still only 43, is expected to make the challenge, and should supply the aging senator with a vigorous campaign.

Aiken's renowned boast that some of his previous campaigns have cost him "exactly nothing" is not expected to be repeated again this year, in the face of governor Hoff's strong posture.

And perhaps in Kansas the theme will continue. There, Senator Frank Carlson has indicated interest in another term, but two Kansas congressmen are trying to talk him into retiring. Both are in Carlson's own republican party, and both are about half his age.

All over the country, the Quarterly indicates, aged senators are being challenged by vigorous, young men in both parties. Few aging senators will escape.

In Pennsylvania, for example, Senator Joseph Clark (D), 65, can not be hurt by the "Youth Versus Age" trend, since Clark is expecting Pennsylvania Justice Michael A. Musmanno (D), 70, to declare against him, in what should be a normal primary. However, that will only be until he gets into the general election, where two republican congressmen are choosing up against him. One is 40 and the other one 35.

## NOTTI DISAGREES WITH BOYKO

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promise" bill to congress.

I think it is safe to say that the majority of native people in Alaska do not oppose the land freeze in fact they favor it. If the land claims or protest filings are illegal why is Congress concerned with providing a solution to the situation? I cannot believe that the Department of Interior would act so irresponsibly so as to drive a state of the union into bankruptcy and for any state official to make such a statement is irresponsible and tends to generate misunderstanding and hard feelings about land claims.

Finally when the state draws up their "compromise" bill I hope they spend some of the \$40,000.00 (appropriated for native affairs) to bring native people together with their lawyers, as was agreed last February, to discuss the bill. If that happens maybe we can truly have a compromise bill and work towards a common goal.

The board of directors of Alaska Federation of Natives agreed on September 8 and 9 that there should be changes made to the constitution at the October meeting. The suggested changes are being readied and will be mailed to all members and associations within the week.

-Emil Notti

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