

INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS BILL

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—An Alaska Native Land Claims bill was reported out of the Indian Affairs Subcommittee of the House

Interior Committee Tuesday which would set settlement at 40 million acres and \$925 million, with \$500 million coming from a two per cent royalty on state and federal mineral reserves and

\$425 million from federal appropriation. The bill also provides for protection of national parks and wildlife refuge and existing property rights.

Although the subcommittee met in executive session for only one hour Tuesday before reporting out the bill, that action ended a month long deadlock over the proposed legis-

lation. The number of unanimous decisions resulting in adoption of the bill by the subcommittee represents a significant compromise.
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ESKIMO OLYMPICS SPARKLES

Job Kasak, Pat Tingmiak Take High Kick Honors, Record Crowd Attends

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FAIRBANKS—Three official records were broken—the Knuckle Hop, Ear Weight and Saturday night attendance—and the 11th Annual World Eskimo Olympics turned out to be the best ever.

There were disappointments. The Greenland Eskimos couldn't make it because they couldn't clear the trip with their athletic commission in time (Alaskan competitors hint they are afraid of us!) Twenty young Indian Dancers from the Rocky Boy Reservation in Montana headed North but had to turn back because of short funding. Spiro Agnew and his family, who'd been invited, sent regrets. But the number of participants was the biggest ever without them.

Eskimos from Inuvik, Canada, chartered a large plane and arrived with 24 dancers and athletes. The Urban Indians from Anchorage gave a premier performance. The Saint Lawrence Islanders traveled in from the Bering Sea and Simon Paneak made it out of Anaktuvuk Pass.

Never was the dancing so spirited, the queens so poised and charming. And the gate was great which means the Tundra Times, which sponsors the event, will again offer a college scholar-

ship to a deserving student. Credit was given where due. The Chamber of Commerce, original sponsor, presented a plaque on behalf of all of us to Bud Hagberg and Frank Whaley of Wien Airlines for starting the Olympics and keeping it going in the early days. Dr. William Wood, president of the University of Alaska, received a token of thanks for housing the games. And Bill English, long standing MC, took the occasion to thank Simon Paneak who once saved him when his plane went down. Competition was fierce in the traditional games of endurance and pain. Fred Titus, a Minto Indian, walked 21 1/2 rounds (860 feet) carrying 17 pounds of lead weights hanging from one ear to win the bloody weight contest.

The gritty youngster carried one pound more than last year's winner and went five and one half extra rounds before judges finally stopped him for wavering in a near faint.

Gordon Killbear, a 27-year-old Eskimo from Barrow, cracked the world Knuckle Hop record by managing the brutal, brusing push-up type hop a foot beyond the previous mark of 60 feet. He said it doesn't pay to

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ESKIMO OLYMPICS QUEENS—Miss Mary Keller, Nome, seated, has just been crowned Miss World Eskimo Olympics of 1972 last Saturday at the Eskimo Olympics performed at Patty Gymnasium of the University of Alaska. Mary is

flanked by Kathy Itta of Barrow, far left, Lillian Venes of Bethel, center right and Johanna Harper. Kathy was the first runner-up, Lillian second. Johanna was elected Miss Congeniality.
—Photo by LAEL MORGAN

For Rural Governments— Unorganized Boroughs Committee

FAIRBANKS—A committee on local government in unorganized boroughs was formed by the Legislative Council last week. It is headed by Rep. Gene Guess (D-Anchorage), Speaker of the House. Serving with him will be Rep. Frank Ferguson (D-Kotzebue) and Rep. Don Young (R-Ft. Yukon).

The committee is to determine what form of local government best serves rural areas. "What they lack is control of their schools, sewer and water systems," explained Guess. "They lack control of funds expended within their region. They've had hundreds of projects imposed on them and poorly engineered by someone who knew nothing about the local area. They miss out on shared revenues, grants. These programs could be evaluated at the state level."

Guess said three proposals are currently being considered to improve the situation. A department of Community Affairs might be made through a merger of Rural, Local and Urban Affairs.

A service area concept might be established as proposed by RurAL CAP.

The governor introduced legis-

lation last session proposing the area concept but submitted no request to fund it. Guess said he would recommend at least \$500,000 to implement the program.

On Firefighting—

BLM Hiring Policy Questioned

Rep. Frank R. Ferguson has taken the Bureau of Land Management sharply to task for its hiring practices in his area.

"The BLM has initiated a hiring practice this year that has hurt our people in employment," he wrote the Tundra Times. "As you well know the men up here are dependant on seasonal employment and BLM firefighting is the major em-

The Local Government Committee will hold bush hearings in late October and November to try and determine which plan is most suitable.

ployer or I should say was the major employer.

"BLM now says that they are hiring only TRAINED VIL-LAGE CREWS yet they only trained three villages out of the 15 in Election District 17 and with a bit of public pressure 63 men were hired out of Kotzebue."

"Kiana, Noorvik and Selawik are the only trained villages from

this area. Most of the men from the other villages have previous firefighting experience but have not been hired this year yet

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Prehistoric Settlement—

Sure Victim If Amchitka Shot Goes

COLLEGE—One certain victim of the next proposed nuclear test in the Aleutians would be a unique prehistoric settlement on a hill overlooking the sea.

Archeologists from the University of Alaska, working extended shifts seven days a week,

raced to excavate as much of the site as possible within the limited time span and budget allowed by developers of the blast facility.

They came out with less than five per cent of the rich lole but that five per cent may be vitally important to historians.

The dig unearthed the first prehistoric house ever discovered in the area. It's nearest prehistoric neighbor is a dwelling located at Umnak Island, some 450 miles away, and the Amchitka house differs considerably. "It shows there were definite

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North Star Sailing North Despite Strike

The Bureau of Indian Affairs ship "North Star" will make its second summer sailing despite the longshore strike. The union has agreed to load it for the trip although all other freight to the area is being held up.

"North Star" will leave Seattle Aug. 13, reach St. Michael Aug. 22 to discharge freight for Emmonak, Alakanuk, Mt. Village, Pilot Station, Kotlik and Sheldon Point.

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