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HICKEL ASKED TO KEEP FREEZE

Commitment Sought Before Endorsement

A four-member team representing the Alaska Federation of Natives plan to ask Interior Secretary-designee Walter J. Hickel to retain the "land freeze" imposed by outgoing Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall, in exchange for endorsing Hickel for the Interior cabinet post.

That was the word yesterday by Emil Notti, president of the AFN, in a telephone interview from Washington with Tundra Times.

Notti said if he and three other AFN representatives could not get Hickel to agree to retain the land freeze that they would attempt to get from him an acceptable alternative for protection of native land should the freeze be lifted.

"The only public statement he has made on the subject indicates he might lift the freeze," said Notti. "If he intends to do that, we'd like to know how he intends to protect native land particularly around villages."

Notti said the team, comprised of John Borbridge, vice president of the AFN, Eben Hopson, executive director of the Arctic Slope Native Association, and Barry Jackson, counsel for the group, had not yet been able to obtain an appointment with Hickel.

"It may be two or three days before we can meet with him," Notti said. "We understand he is going to New York tomorrow."

The team had separate conferences today with members of the Alaska congressional delegation, Senators Mike Gravel and Ted Stevens and Congressman Howard Pollock and had a conference with outgoing Secretary

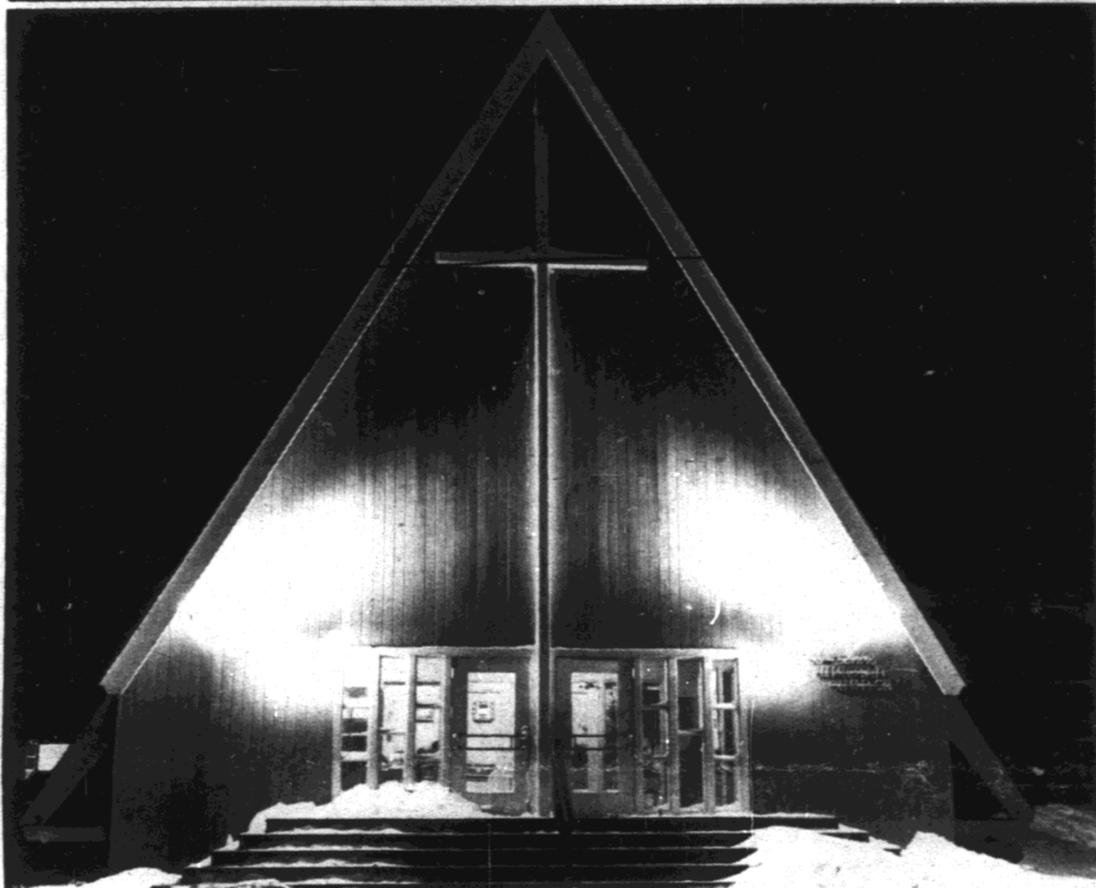
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Canada Eskimo Competing in Big 600 Race

A Canadian Eskimo is competing in the Alaska Midnight Sun 600. John Pudnak, 23, of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories is the official entry of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Pudnak, and Jake Ootes, Special Assistant to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, arrived in Anchorage last Sunday. They arrived several days early

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LIGHT IN THE NIGHT—Lutheran Church at Nome radiates light on Christmas Eve as the Seward Peninsula city begins to observe the holidays. Nome has a history of bustling gold mining activities at the turn of the century. At

the height of the rush, Nome had over 35,000 inhabitants. Still popular as a tourist attraction, because of its colorful history, Nome now has about 3,000 population.

—ROBERT KOWELUK Photograph

R. Frank in Gambell, Savoonga For Talks on AVEC Electricity

Richard Frank, Membership Service Director for the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC), went to Gambell and Savoonga on St. Lawrence this week to consult with people there on means of installing electric power.

Some 30 villages throughout Alaska are in line for AVEC power installations. Three villages, Old Harbor, Nulato, and Hooper Bay, have already been electrified.

"Those villages that have power are well satisfied," said Richard Frank. "They all have 24-hour service—all three of them. All the villages that will get power in the future will all have 24-hour power."

Frank said that it takes a lot of coordination with local people's participation, shipping preparations of materials to the designated villages.

He said the villages will first have to be established as legal entities such as becoming 4th class cities. As legal bodies, they have to be recognized by another legal body, which AVEC is, so an agreement between the two legal bodies can be signed so electrification can progress.

"Lot of the villages are a little afraid to become 4th class cities because they don't fully understand it," Richard Frank said. "I personally think they should become legal bodies be-

cause in the future they will, sooner or later, have to become legal entities anyway."

He said most of the villages are under the Indian Reorganization Act status and that legality under the act is not unlimited because the state and federal agencies don't always recognize

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Editorial—

Paper Does Belong in The Scheme of Things

Tundra Times will probably never be in line to win any popularity contest among newspapers but we, implicitly, believe that it does have its place in the general scheme of things in Alaska. In spite of having been damned by some people, it has courageously pointed out the dire needs of the state's native citizens in over six years of publishing.

Before the newspaper came on the scene, the problem areas of the Alaska natives were hardly publicized with the result that nothing much was done about them. There seemed to have been some fear of ruffling the feathers of the near-dormant problems although some were festering for want of open expression and discussion.

Tundra Times has furnished this expression. This has

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'Chichalyu' May Be New Name For the New Village of Minto

The village of Minto is slated to move come spring but "Minto," the name of the village, will not be going along if the present plans prevail.

The new village that will be located on the Tolovana River, 20 miles north from the present

village site, will probably be called "CHICHALYU."

The spelling of the new name is not official but it was done in that manner between former Chief Richard Frank and Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times. The two men worked the spelling out to follow the sound of the name.

"Chichalyu" means, "the back fin of the fish."

"The people of Minto have always been known as Chichalyus from way back," said Richard Frank. "The name sounds pretty good to Minto people at the moment but they are still thinking of other names."

Frank said he also suggested

the name, "Holland," after Carlos W. Holland, the man who had a great deal to do with the first blanket land claim Minto people made back in February 13, 1938. Holland helped Minto citizens in drawing up the claim document.

"I discussed the name 'Holland' with the Minto people but most of them seemed to favor the name 'Chichalyu.' We would also like to have some outside suggestions on what to call the new village."

Through the years past, Minto has suffered numerous times from floods usually during the spring ice breakup. The village was also inundated, along with

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Congressman Pollock Testifies Against Duty-free Foreign Trade Sub-zones

WASHINGTON—Representative Howard W. Pollock (R Alaska) testified against establishing duty-free foreign trade sub-zones in three states when the Department of Commerce held hearings January 8, 1969, on applications to set up these zones.

Hawaii, Maine and Georgia each have applied to have such zones set up within their boundaries.

Foreign crude oil can be imported through subzones at substantially lower per barrel cost than comparative domestic oil.

Because oil from foreign zone vessels, crude oil from Alaskan fields—which must be moved in domestic tankers—generally is more costly.

On December 5 last year, the State of Alaska brought suit in United States district court in

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