



ALEUT SECRETARY—Serafima Shale is the Secretary for the Division of Resource Management staff in the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management. Serafima was born at Funter Bay, Alaska during World War II, when her parents were evacuated from St. George Island. After the war, her parents returned to St. Paul Island where they now live. Serafima is one of a family of 16 and is a full blooded Aleut. She was educated at Mt. Edgecumbe High School where she graduated in 1962. She has worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries before she came to the Bureau of Land Management in 1966.

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Calls for Classroom Expansion . . .

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is for additional space. It also indicated that parents

feel their children should not have to travel outside to obtain high school education," said Hensley.

He said there was an immediate need for four additional classrooms and that the Board was anxious that construction begins in the near future.

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Local Autonomy Enforcement

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clauses had to be withdrawn from two construction contracts in Alaska before the federal funds involved could be released.

Several projects, including major runway expansion at Anchorage International Airport, and highway construction projects at Ketchikan and Juneau, were placed in jeopardy when the federal Department of Transportation balked at the inclusion in matching fund state contracts of a clause requiring compliance with the state local autonomy law.

Under the agreement reached with Transportation Secretary Alan Boyd, federal funds for the projects will be released, Hickel said, on condition the state withdraw the union autonomy clause from the contracts in question.

"Let there be no mistake about this," Hickel said. "We are absolutely determined to continue this fight, and to end job discrimination against Alaskans by outside unions."

"But it is also wise to know when to retreat. We retreated on these particular contracts because we simply could not allow these vital projects to be halted by withdrawal of federal participation."

"We have complied with

the federal demands in these specific contracts, believing this best for Alaska. But nothing could be farther from the truth than to say we've given up on local autonomy," Hickel added.

"I have asked the attorney general to institute a test case to determine whether the federal government has the legal right to impose these conditions in future contracts."

"If it is determined that the state acted with legal

authority, local autonomy clauses will again be made a requirement in all state contracts in the future."

The Governor said the administration will also encourage inclusion of local hire clauses in labor-management agreements; the granting of incentives to employers who prefer Alaskans on their jobs, and "everything else within our power to insure full employment opportunities for the residents of Alaska."

Consider All Facets . . .

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by the society who now grapples with us over our lands."

The Federal and State Governments have opened the doors to resolving the land freeze by offering a large amount of village land to the villages, and that funds from compensation could insure adequate sewage, water and health control facilities, which our villages sadly need, not to count adequate homes, and vocational training and education by our people.

Our needs are many. In other words, the government has offered to allow us to live on our own land and pay for our own sewage disposal, water, etc. instead of requesting the State and Federal Funds to alleviate this situation, as is done by the towns and cities of Alaska and the rest of the U.S. by tax dollars.

Mr. Robert Vaughan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior, submitted a draft proposal for our consideration. An important point is brought out in this proposal which is that 75% of unallocated off-shore revenues will be apportioned to cities, towns and villages in Alaska that contain twenty-five or more natives, and that the money apportioned to each city, town or village shall be paid to an organization of the natives approved by the Secretary of the Interior and shall be available for any purpose requested by the Native organization if the purpose is also approved by the commission provided for in.....this act.

I can only assume from reading this that we are to receive 75% of what is left after allocated funds have been removed, for the proposal states we would get 75% of unallocated funds. How much is 75% of what is left over?

It is also stated in this proposal that the Secretary of the Interior approve and any ventures would have to secure approval of some "commission." Apparently, the Secretary feels that there has to be some authority involved here. I can see and appreciate the danger of the formation of un-American organizations; but I feel that since we are a non-violent, peaceable and very patient people (We Tlingits are still waiting) that the Governments should give us as much consideration as they do the hippies and black power movements; not to mention those in the nation violently opposed to violence in Viet Nam. It is also apparent that the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party operates with a lot more freedom than we will be allowed to in having two overseers.

I will venture to say regarding this protection clause, that we should protect ourselves by employing qualified experts in the field of finance, (if we should ever receive any), to advise us; and I bravely add that these experts need not be of native origin unless they qualify; and also the law is here to protect us if there be infractions of the law.

I feel that before we accept wholeheartedly any proposal from either the State or Federal Governments, we should thoroughly consider every facet of this legislation. What do we actually want? A piece of land for every native of the blood in or out of the village? Adequate homes, education and vocational training.

Should we have fee simple land which would be owned legally by the native to pass onto his heirs; or do we want fee tail land which restricts heirship; or in trust by the Government land which would allow us to occupy these lands without true ownership individually?

My opinion herein is not to be construed entirely as criticism, but an expression of concern in an area so vital to us all. We need our leaders to shoulder this tremendous challenge, for without them we cannot capture a brighter tomorrow; and we must talk with our leaders and let them know what we want and what we think so they can truly represent us.

This crucial time should not be left entirely without communication from those of us who make up the body of the native population.

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Adoption . . .

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a natural or legal child is entitled to a certain support payments from the government in the event of the death of a parent. Under State welfare rules, a wife and the natural or legal children in need of assistance can get help.

In each of the situations described above, either the the child or the parent are unable to get any money. If the child is not legally adopted. All people who have adopted children informally, or by custom, without obtaining a court decree are urged to do so.

You may find out how to proceed by contacting a local magistrate, a representative of Alaska Legal Services Corporation, a VISTA Volunteer, a State social worker, or also in the Kuskokwim area, a Bureau of Indian Affairs social worker.

Kid's Prizes . . .

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Girls races: On January 1 the girls had dog races. They used two dogs. They went the same way as the boys did.

1st, Anna C. Andrew, \$5.00; 2nd, Mary Miller, \$2.50; 3rd, Nancy Jimmie, \$1.50; 4th, Fannie Green; 5th, Marie Daniel; 6th, Elena Evan; 7th, Skip Sonnenberg; 8th, Agnes Thomas; 9th, Julia Charlie; 10th, Elena Lupie; 11th, Lucy Andrew; 12th Katie Fox; 13th, Martina Lupie.

(Editor's Note: In the same issue of the Tuntutuliak News, Martina Lupie received a prize for being last in the race. She wrote the following:

"Last Monday we had a race. James Charles and I lost. And I got a teapot. I was bashful when they called my name.")