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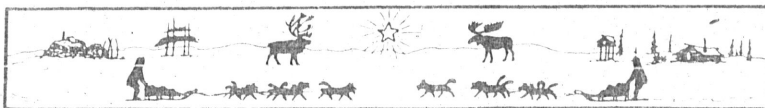
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Claims Roll Being Prepared In Anchorage

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Louis R. Bruce today announced that a roll to determine Alaska Natives eligible to share in awards totaling \$962.5 million and 40 million acres of land in connection with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, is being prepared by a new enrollment office in Anchorage.

Alaska Natives who may be eligible are directed to send the following information to the Alaska Native Enrollment Office, Pouch 7-1971, Anchorage, Alaska 99501:

- (1) Name or names of eligible persons in family
- (2) Present address
- (3) Number of members in family
- (4) Name of village of origin in Alaska of eligible persons in family or of ancestor.

Eligible persons will receive further communication from the Anchorage office for additional information.

Sen. Hensley Seeks \$9 Million Bond Issue for Schools

JUNEAU — Senator Willie Hensley, (D) Kotzebue, introduced legislation in the State Senate Monday calling for a \$9,000,000 bond issue for the purpose of construction of area high schools and multi-purpose rooms at bush elementary schools.

The authorization of the bonds would be made by the voters of the state at the next general election.

Hensley said, "there is a tremendous need for these facilities in the bush areas, not only for the three area high schools proposed, but each community can certainly utilize the multi-purpose rooms to their fullest advantage."

Hensley's bill would authorize area high schools at Newhalen, Gambell-Savoonga and on Nelson Island with a \$1.5 million price tag on each facility.

Elementary schools slated for multi-purpose rooms, at about \$300,000 each, are at Galena, Holy Cross, Kaltag, Kenny Lake, Kivalina, Kongiganak, Manakotak, Noatak, Nondalton, Northway, Point Hope, Selawik, Shishmaref, Teller and Togiak.

Construction would be financed through the sale of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$9,000,000 which would be set aside in a special "1972 Multipurpose and Secondary Educational Facilities Construction Fund" and then appropriated to the Department of Education for actual use.



M. R. (MUKTUK) MARSTON—Champion of native rights—told the Tundra Times that the men who worked together to get the native claims settlement through Congress "did a better job" than he thought they would. "I have great hopes for the future," he said. "... there's a golden sunrise coming for the native people..."

'Muktuk' Marston— For Natives at Constitution Convention

By NORMA BOWKETT
Staff Writer

The man who organized the Eskimo Scouts during World War II and sought to convey land titles to natives during the Alaska Constitutional Convention in the mid 1950s, when few were interested in native land rights, expressed his pleasure today over the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Act of 1971.

"I think it's delightful," said Col. M.R. (Muktuk) Marston, reached at his home in Anchorage by telephone. "After 103 years the native association put through a good organization and got an answer."

At the convention Marston proposed an amendment which would give natives title to the lands on which they resided and those on which they had hunting and fishing camps.

Then, the Constitutional Convention record reveals, Marston made the following comments in support of his proposal:

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Gravel Pushes for \$12.5 Million— Also Hints He Prefers Private Carrier Over North Star

FAIRBANKS—Senator Mike Gravel said Friday that he would appear before a preliminary hearing in Washington, D.C., today to give testimony on the need for Alaska natives to get an advance on the \$12.5 million yet to be appropriated as part of the claims settlement.

"We've got to be on top of it," he said, adding that without an advance payment, Alaska natives cannot expect to receive money from the federal government before late April or early May, depending on how soon

the appropriations bill gets through Congress.

Gravel made these statements at a hastily called news conference at Fairbanks airport when he was delayed 45 minutes here between planes. He was on his way to the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous.

Now that native Alaskans have voiced their displeasure at the prospect of having the North Star III removed from Alaskan waters, has he changed his position on the North Star III?

(Earlier Gravel had told the

Central Records of All State Employees Suffer Fire Damage in Juneau

JUNEAU—How has the fire which destroyed the downtown facility of the Juneau-Douglas Community College here affected the central personnel records for all state employees which have been housed in two wings of the building?

"We won't know," said Richard W. Freer, Deputy Commissioner of Administration, "until the fire chief lets us in the building."

The two wings of the building utilized by central personnel were not destroyed by the fire, Freer said, nor did the walls fall in.

"We looked in the windows," he said, and "everything was there. I'm hoping the records just have water damage."

But, he said, even if the records were completely destroyed, most of them could be

reconstructed by records kept in other departments of state government.

The main problem—in the event of total loss of central records would be in recreating registers of names of individuals who qualify for particular jobs in state government, he said.

But information on the classification of positions, and employment and retirement records, he said, could be found in the payroll and personnel sections of each department of state government.

Whitehorse Readies for Arctic Winter Games

WHITEHORSE—A modern place with much evidence of a Klondike origin—that's how visitors to the second Arctic Winter Games, March 6-11, will find the city of Whitehorse.

Whitehorse is an active Yukon city, surrounded by mountains, lakes and forests.

In 1970, the boundaries of the city were enlarged to include an area of approximately 160 square miles, swelling the total population to more than 11,000. It sits at an altitude of 2,100 feet above sea level.

Behind the bustling, neon-bright little city, though, lies a heritage of riverboats and the White Pass and Yukon Route railway, of tents and log cabins, of pan handlers and gold.

That Yukon theme will pre-

vail during the week-long festival of athletics and cultural exchange, which will bring together 1,000 participants from every corner of the North American Arctic.

Visitors, upon arriving at Whitehorse Airport, will find themselves being greeted by a welcoming committee dressed in Klondike dress. Store front windows and the people inside will also be dressed in the mood of the Yukon theme.

Don't be surprised, either, if you happen to see the odd dog sled mushing it to the local corner store.

Despite the holiday mood, the people of Whitehorse are taking the Arctic Winter Games seriously. By the time it opens, more than 700 volunteer workers will be on the job, assuring these Games are run with the precision of a Swiss watch.

The Arctic Winter Games is staged every two years in communities north of the 60th parallel. Athletes come from the Yukon and Northwest Territories, Arctic Quebec and the State of Alaska.

Nearly two-thirds of the operating budget of the Games has been provided in a grant from the Federal Government, through Hon. John Munro, Minister of National Health and Welfare.

The Canadian Fitness and Amateur Sport Directorate provides special technical assistance to the Games.

Work on making the second Games a success started just

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