

Direct Service Sought for Kodiak, Chain

A resolution calling for direct air service between Kodiak and the Aleutian Chain unanimously passed the State Senate Wednesday.

The resolution, introduced by Senator Kay Poland, (D) Kodiak, points out that in order to travel to points on the Aleutian Chain, Kodiak residents must first fly to Anchorage for connecting flights, in some cases, almost doubling the distance required for the trip.

Senator Poland said, "The need for this service is tremendous, when you take into account the people who need to use it in both directions."

"Kodiak is the site of the Regional High School for the Chain and offers the nearest medical and dental facilities to many Alaskan residents on the Chain," she added.

The resolution calls attention to the fact that Kodiak is the headquarters for the State Troopers and the Department of Fish and Game which serves the Aleutian Islands.

Senator Poland said she is "gratified" and the resolution passed the Senate "without a dissenting vote" and expressed the hope that, when it passed the House, it will have a "strong influence on the officials in Washington."

The resolution is to be sent to the President, the CAB and to other officials in the nation's capital as well as to all members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

ANB Names Bell Director of Native Affairs Div.

George E. Bell, an Alaska native from Nome, has been named director of the division of native affairs for the Alaska National Bank.

Bank president Frank H. Murkowski made the announcement recently when he announced the establishment of the new department at the bank.

Bell will serve as the bank's liaison officer to native communities in order to provide native people with counsel and advice and assistance in financial matters, Murkowski said.

Bell was born in Nome. He lived there until his transfer to the Alaska National Bank main office in Fairbanks in 1970.

He is Eskimo and Irish.

A graduate of Nome High School, Bell was valedictorian of his class. He attended the University of Alaska and completed courses from the American Institute of Banking.

He and his wife, Sharon, have two children—Susan, seven, and Bruce, four.

Bell, a treasurer and member of the board of directors of the Alaska Association of Arts in Fairbanks, is now beginning his third term as a member of the vocational education advisory council for the state.

In Nome, he served as personnel officer with the Alaska National Guard for 13 years, with the rank of chief warrant officer.

He has served on the board of directors of Northwestern Alaska Chamber of Commerce for

one year, is a past president of the Nome Arts Council, and served on the Nome Port Authority.

For seven years he served with the Nome Volunteer Fire Department as president and assistant chief.

He has been an auditor with the Alaska National Bank since June, 1971, working with all branches of Alaska National Bank and visiting Barrow, Kotzebue, Nome, Delta, Tok, Nenana, Eielson and the four Fairbanks bank offices.

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