

'Muktuk,' Friend of Natives ...

"... this is the reason I came to this convention. I waited two months to get here and I hope you will keep your minds and hearts open for a few minutes..."

"Delegate Peratrovich has talked about this, and the delegate I talked to during the lunch time says this has come up at every Indian or Native convention he has attended. It comes up because it is never settled

Story Telling

A Story Telling Guild is being organized in Fairbanks. The Borough Library is hoping to arrange for stories to be told both at the library and in the various neighborhoods of Fairbanks.

These stories will be from books or homespun, for kids of all age groups, and anyone who is interested is welcome to a meeting of the Guild on Thursday February 24th at 2 in the afternoon at the library.

Winter Games ...

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after the initial one in Yellowknife, NWT, in 1970. Gradually, the buildup to the Whitehorse event grew larger. During the last six months it hit its peak.

More than \$75,000 in improved athletic facilities have been put together. A restoration program is nearly completed on the Klondike, the famed paddle-wheeler that will be used for the opening ceremonies, March 6.

The Yukon Department of Education will cancel classroom instruction in all Yukon schools during the week of the Games. This will free many of the teachers who are involved in one way or another with the Games and also frees the Whitehorse schools to be used as athletic venues.

"More important, though," said James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, "it will enable the school children to take part fully in the Games' activities."

The Arctic Winter Games will see 12 sports contested, all Canada Winter Games events. They are badminton, basketball, curling, figure skating, hockey, shooting, cross country skiing, alpine skiing, table tennis, volleyball, judo and wrestling.

As well, the Games will feature displays of arts and crafts by natives from all parts of the North and exhibitions of native sports by both Indians and Eskimos.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

The Alaska State Housing Authority will receive proposals under the Turnkey method for development of 60 units of housing for low income families in the City of Ketchikan, Alaska. Proposals shall be submitted prior to 4:00 p.m., AST, April 7, 1972, at the offices of the Alaska State Housing Authority, 903 W. Northern Lights Blvd. (P.O. Box 179), Anchorage, Alaska.

Data on acceptable housing types, bedroom composition, community and management space, is provided in the developer's handbook and criteria. The developer's handbook may be obtained from the Alaska State Housing Authority upon request and payment of \$50.00 which sum will not be refunded.

This is a Department of Housing and Urban Development funded program requiring compliance with Davis Bacon wage rates, Title 6 of the Civil Rights Act, Executive order 11246 as amended by 11375 and all other equal opportunity provisions required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The successful proposer, at the option of the Alaska State Housing Authority, will be required to post a bond in the amount of ten (10%) percent of his proposed price. Additional requirements for proposal are contained in the developer's handbook.

Interested developers may receive additional information by contacting the Alaska State Housing Authority at the above address.

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and every morning here we pray to the God above to guide us and direct us and I wish that His ambassador, Jesus, were here this afternoon and would show you the way to vote on this question."

Marston read paragraphs from a letter he had received from George Lockwood, an Eskimo whose home was at Unalakleet, to dramatize the plight of the natives.

"I have something to bring up myself in connection with our land problems, mostly of our fishing camps and our homes," Lockwood wrote. "Around here in Unalakleet, and also around outlying villages, we have fishing camps, from way back without anything to show in papers, claims or clear titles. I have not fished at my camp site for three seasons because some outfit is working in it. I would suggest strongly we need to have our fishing camps rights and settle it..."

"We don't have any clear title for our homes..." Lockwood continued, "we have been put aside as Natives too long. We young people would like to see our children grow up as any average American living citizen, living with equal rights as white men."

"This is the plea that has been coming across the desk of the white man ever since he came to this country," Marston told the delegates to the convention.

His amendment had nothing to do with aboriginal rights, he said, but merely cleared title for the Alaska native's camp site and home site.

"I have told you the story and it is up to you," he said. "Let your conscience be your guide."

But a number of the delegates were concerned that Marston's amendment would convey the entire public domain to the natives, and Marston's amendment failed by a vote of 16-34.

It would be another 16 years before natives would secure their land rights. During this time Marston spoke out for their cause at every opportunity.

Some ten years ago, for example, he came to the aid of the 138 Eskimos who went out and took ducks and appeared before an arresting officer, demanding to be arrested and turning in their own guns in protest of the arrest of two Barrow men who had been arrested for shooting ducks and geese for subsistence, out of season, as they have always done.

Declaring that natives hunting for food were exercising their traditional rights, Marston or-

ganized a drive to collect guns for the weaponless Eskimo hunters.

Today he sees a "golden sunrise coming for the native people—especially the Eskimo."

He doesn't agree with people who are worried about the natives having 40 million acres. "I'm very happy," he said. "I want to get it out of federal hands. The enemy is the federal government. If we don't get it the federal government would have the whole state as a wilderness area."

"Natives," he said. "That's us!"

There will be problems in implementing the settlement, he said, but "if the natives can make a worse mess than the white man has, I'd like to see it. The federal government has spent millions of dollars from far away Washington, D.C., and natives are still living in hovels."

One of his dreams now is that Alaskans will develop an agricultural base for their economy. Over the past ten years he has done experimental farming at North River, just back of Unalakleet, cultivating one acre of land.

He estimates that his land has produced 10 acres of potatoes to the acre.

Now, he said, he has asked Kent Anderson, the manager of Covenant High School of Unalakleet, who has been farming Marston's land for him, to put 50 acres of land under cultivation.

"I've been looking for a dirt farmer with missionary zeal and have found him in Kent Anderson," Marston said.

His farm, he believes, will supply all of Norton Sound and Nome with potatoes and will create hundreds of jobs for people.

And, he said, when the rest of the world will be in need of food, Alaska natives can "farm the ground, fish the rivers, lakes and ocean—full of fish—and be in fish 'n chips."

In fact, "Fish 'n Chips" is the title of a chapter he has added to the revised version of his book, "Men of the Tundra," which he has just completed.

This past week, during the fur rendezvous in Anchorage, Marston served as Grand Marshall of the annual Fur Rendezvous Parade.

He still works in real estate in Anchorage, does some writing, and works with the federation of natives there.

"You know Harry Carter, executive director of the Alaska Federation of Natives?" he asked. "He's a very influential fellow. I like working with him."

Consumer Protection Group Formed

The Fairbanks Association for Consumer Service, a recently formed volunteer organization devoted to consumer protection in the Fairbanks area, will have a general membership meeting at the Fairbanks Native Welcome Center, 102 Lacey St. at 8:00 p.m., Wed. Feb. 23.

At this meeting information will be provided to consumers on how to deal with their com-

plaints, and there will also be discussion of present state legislation concerning consumers as well as discussion of the merits of various consumer legislation bills pending before the Alaska state legislature.

In addition general organizational matters will be discussed. Anyone desiring further information should call 456-5974 or 479-6633.

Senator Gravel Cites ...

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would like to see a change," he said.

How close is Alaska to being part of a satellite communications system?

(In Fairbanks in January Gravel had said he was to meet with federal officials to try to get the Federal Communications Commission to issue a permit for a satellite system that will include Alaska.)

At his meeting with federal officials, Gravel said, he had discovered that neither the Air Force nor Radio Corporation of America are at fault in a delay on a satellite system. "FCC is delinquent," he said.

"I wrote a letter to Dean Birch (head of FCC)," he said, but have not received an answer. FCC has yet to nominate a contractor for the domestic satellite system" even though "they promised last summer that this would be done before Christmas."

In this way, Gravel said, FCC is "holding up money that would be spent by RCA in Alaska. Sixteen villages are all wired up with communication equipment just waiting for FCC to grant RCA permission to operate," he added, "and there will be an additional 26 villages with equipment installed by RCA."

On other matters, Gravel said that he wanted to make it clear that there is "no foundation" to the charge that he is spending all his time campaigning for Senator Ed Muskie for president instead of working on "Alaska's business."

People should understand, he said, that he is "doing Alaska's business, and it's a painful process," when he is campaigning for Muskie.

Alaskans don't relate the congressional delegation's accomplishments," he said. Laws that are good for Alaska, he said, have passed Congress only to be vetoed by President Nixon.

"The best job can be done for Alaska by getting someone in as president who won't veto these laws," Gravel said.

He is devoting an entire newsletter to this, he said, not only including information on the

bills the president has vetoed, he said, but also on \$12 billion that Congress has appropriated and the president "refuses to spend." This "affects every facet of the federal budget," Gravel asserted, including "bush airports and hospitals."

He cited an accelerated public works program and an economic development act as examples of legislation that the president vetoed.

And, he said, it took two years before Richard Nixon decided not to veto the Emergency Employment Act. Muskie, Gravel said, was the architect of this law. It will create 140,000 jobs in the United States.

"We're just beginning to see these jobs created," Gravel said.

How can he campaign for Muskie when Muskie has taken a stand against the Trans Alaska Pipeline?

"I question those who are quick to slam Ed Muskie" on this, Gravel said. President Nixon, Gravel had said earlier, will not come out for issuance of the permit to build the pipeline with the presidential election coming up.

"I have more of a chance of changing Muskie's stand on the pipeline," Gravel said, "when and if he's elected president rather than if I work against him or not at all."

Muskie, Gravel said, will have the democratic nomination for president "all locked up by the first of May."

Muskie will win in New Hampshire, Gravel predicted, come in first or second in Florida, and will win in Wisconsin. "After those victories," Gravel asked, "how can anybody get the money to run against him? He will take the rest of the Primary by default."

Senator Gravel also said that he does not miss "important votes" in Congress to campaign for Ed Muskie.

"I travelled all the way to Washington, D.C. two weeks ago just for one vote," he said, but "when no critical votes are demanded of me, I make an effort to campaign for Muskie."

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