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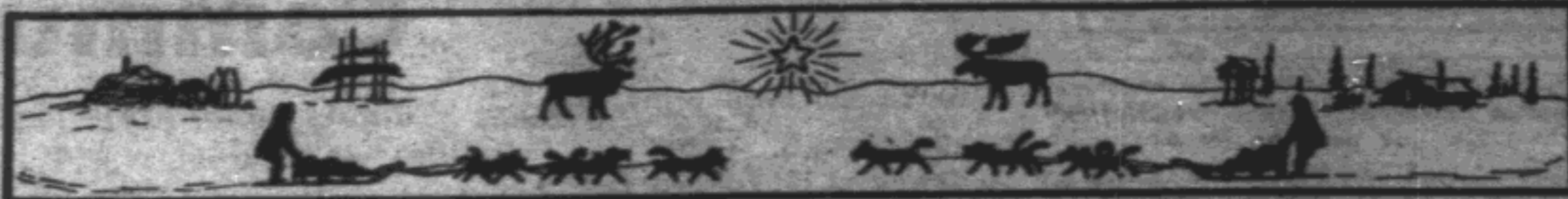
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BUSINESSMAN APPEALS FOR REINDEER MEAT INSPECTION

☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ Notti Wants Fast Dogs for Race In Anchorage

The president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Emil Notti, is in the process of grooming himself into a racing dogmusher at the next dogsled race of the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous in February of 1968.

"As a child, I trapped on the Koyukuk River and handled dogteams," Notti said in his letter to the Federation members.

He said it was his hope that the AFN would be able to enter a championship team in the February race if the team can be put together.

"Since the AFN is statewide, I hope to put together a team that will have a dog from all areas of Alaska," the Federation president wrote. "Would you look around your village and find the fastest dog to be sent to Anchorage for this race?"

Notti said the dog should have its own harness and that the AFN would supply the sled and the tow line.

"May I hear from you right away so I can start planning and training to enter a team."

"If we should win any money, it will go one hundred per cent to the Federation. The dog will be returned after the race."

"As a Federation, we should be able to put a tough team on the road. Can I hear from you within ten days?" Notti concluded.

The Tundra Times heartily joins President Notti's appeal. Let's give the President a fast start and a strong finish at the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous dog races!

Ft. Yukon Young Man 'A' Student

Glenn R. Peterson, 22, of Fort Yukon, Alaska, has earned a straight 'A' average for the fall term from the Electronics Engineering Technology Institute in Cleveland, Ohio.

Attending school on a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Employment Assistance.

Peterson is training as an electronics technologist. His perfect record in Electrical physics and AC circuits, electronic lab, electronic computations and electronic math has earned him a place on the Deans list of the

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WANTS MEAT REINDEER INSPECTION—Thomas Johnson, left, has 500,000 pounds of reindeer meat for sale. His reindeer meat processing company has been hampered by the lack of federal meat inspection in the State. Johnson is shaking hands with Jerome Trigg, president of the Arctic Native Brotherhood. Willard Bowman, center, director of the State Commission on Human Rights, welcomed Johnson who was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Commission.

—Photo by TIMES EDITOR

Employment Development Draws Statewide Participants

"Hundred years of second class citizenship is enough. Let us start now to put this way of life in the past. If we prosper, others will prosper more. For we live here—spend our money here—and we will die here."

The speaker was Jerome Trigg, president of the Arctic Native Brotherhood of Nome, Alaska, as he set the stage during his welcoming address to the statewide Employment Development Conference held in Nome last Thursday and Friday.

Co-sponsored by the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska State Community Action Program, the conference called to the meeting the Labor Task Force Committee of the Rural Affairs Commission, State Commission for Human Rights, and village delegates from throughout Alaska.

The conference got underway according to a planned agenda but got bogged down somewhat by the end of the first day. Some of the con-

ference felt that the native delegates were not being heard sufficiently. A side meeting was held that evening and agreement was reached that village representatives would present their employment problems on the floor the next day.

CLYDE HOWARTH of Point Hope, who was first to present his views, said in

part: "...The only people that get jobs are the union people. The Northwest people are interested in starting their own unions..."

ROBERT NEWMAN of Noorvik:

"...We have a lot of working force there but no jobs. We thought Nome was the

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Eskimo Says He Can Move Millions of Pds. If Meat Was Inspected

"I have 500,000 pounds of reindeer meat for sale," stated Thomas Johnson. "We'd like to move this meat."

Thomas Johnson, an Eskimo, is the owner of the Northwestern Reindeer Processing Co. of Nome, a private firm that distributes reindeer meat to villages, cities and towns when there is a need for it.

"There is about 42 thousand head of reindeer in Seward Peninsula and other areas," said Johnson.

He said that out of this total, the herders and his processing company could probably sell about 2 million pounds of meat this year. He pointed out that the big stumbling block to sales that could be made is the lack of federal meat inspection.

Lack of this has continually hampered the reindeer meat sales in the past.

"I can supply a shipload of reindeer meat to Hong Kong

if only we had meat inspection," Johnson said.

He said there was an order for that amount but that it was impossible to ship it to Hong Kong because the United States Customs will only recognize federally inspected meat for shipment overseas.

DISCLOSURE

Then Thomas Johnson made the following disclosure:

That the federally owned 10,000-head reindeer herd on Nunivak Island on the Bering Sea had been the biggest competitor of the Seward Peninsula reindeer herders and herders elsewhere.

"They ship theirs to Seattle on the Bureau ship, the North Star," said Johnson.

According to Johnson, the shipment of reindeer meat in question was inspected in Seattle and then shipped back to Alaska to markets in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

"What I would like to see here is that the State make all the meat inspections," He said. "I believe the State can do it and I believe

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Brainstorming Claims Session In Anchorage

Native leaders, federal and state officials met this week in Anchorage to discuss land claims.

"It has been a brainstorming session on subjects to be discussed at a later time," said Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, yesterday afternoon.

Notti said that the State Attorney General Edgar Boyko, presented a tentative bill that proposed to get ten million acres of forest lands for villages and another 21 million acres for village uses such as subsistence hunting.

Attorney Barry Jackson, on behalf of the Fairbanks Native Association, proposed that a thousand acres per person be awarded village people; that 25 per cent of state lease revenue within claim areas go to village regional associations and

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Newest Land Bill May Aid Testimony

Senator E. L. Bartlett on November 22 introduced a land bill, S-2690, and which was referred to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

The procedure skirted around the Judiciary Committee that has been holding on the native land bill S-2020.

The bill Bartlett introduced is said to be largely similar to the native bill that was drawn up in Anchorage in October of 1966 by the land committee of the then

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