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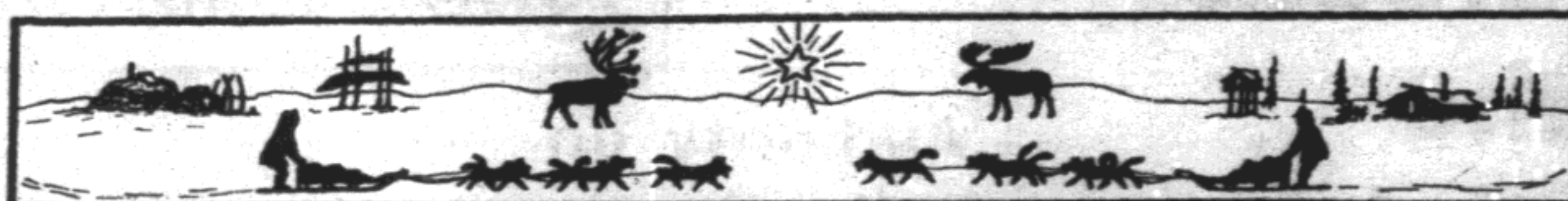
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PRISONER CRUELTY CHARGED



AIRING LAND ISSUES—The president of the Alaska Federation of Natives Emil Notti, left, and his first vice president John Borbridge, center, are being interviewed on Channel 29 in Philadelphia, Pa. television station by Jack McKinney, right, on the status of the native land claims recently. Notti and Borbridge are in Washington, D.C. to aid and be available during

the mark-up session on the land claims bill by the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. The two Alaska native leaders have been joined by the members of the AFN steering committee to be present during the mark-up session. The Senate version of the land bill has begun to be hammered out beginning last Tuesday. —THEODORE HETZEL Photograph

Sammy Davis, Jr. May Do Shows To Raise Native Land Claims Fund

There is a definite possibility that Sammy Davis, Jr. might be coming to Alaska for a two-day benefit performances to raise funds for the native people to be used for operating and communications purposes during the land claims legislation in Congress.

In the event he decides to come, Sammy Davis, Jr. will bring a nine-member troupe. He will give a one-night performance

in Anchorage probably at the Anchorage West High School gymnasium.

The next day he will travel with his troupe to Fairbanks and give a similar show. The location where the show will take place has not been decided in Fairbanks to date. The famous entertainer is expected to come to Alaska around the first week of March.

Sammy Davis, Jr. was approached in Nevada over a month ago by Sen. Mike Gravel at which time the entertainer ex-

pressed interest. He told Gravel, however, he would come up if expenses for his troupe were defrayed but that he would not ask pay for himself.

Gov. Miller, Businessmen Are Opposed

The native land claims situation in Alaska is gathering momentum with the focal point at the Senate Interior Committee that has started to hammer a bill designed to resolve the land question in the state.

On a lesser degree, but a vociferous one, is another focal point in Alaska headed by Gov. Keith H. Miller with the backing of Alaska businessmen, consulting geologists, governor's advisors and his attorney general.

The Alaska group is backing the governor's latest stand, a most conservative proposal he has made as a plan for settlement for land claims. Miller's plan has widened the differences between the state and the Alaska Federation of Natives plan for land settlement.

As the governor's group met in Anchorage this week working to back the governor on his plan,

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'Chained to Tractor Four Treated as Dogs' Says Fr. Jules Convert

Charges of cruel and inhumane punishment—the chaining of state prisoners like dogs—have been leveled at the State by a Catholic priest and an acting village chief.

"We cannot but be indignant that men have been treated like dogs by the law and it will be a long time most likely before they forget it," said Father Jules M. Convert, S.J. of the Lower Yukon Village of Kaltag.

Franklin Madros, Sr., of Kaltag, agreed.

Father Convert and Madros were referring to an incident that occurred in early November at Galena.

Father Convert put it this way:

"The other day a state trooper with four prisoners in his custody was on his way to the Fairbanks jail. As frequently happens, there was no connection in Galena and they had to spend the night waiting for the next day's plane.

"Public facilities were already taxed to their maximum and there is no local jail, so the men were taken to a garage nearby and chained to a heavy tractor, in plain view of the men working in the shop."

Father Convert continued:

"These men had been found guilty and condemned, but while we can understand the dilemma of the trooper and condone his action in view of the necessity of accomplishing his mission, we cannot but be indignant that men have been treated like dogs.

"Is this a way to insure respect?" the priest questions.

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Ainus of Japan Are Eying Alaska Native Claims

The Ainus on the northern part of the Island of Hokaido in Japan are keeping a close watch on the Alaska native land claims issue.

The Ainus are the aborigines of Japan and as such, are minorities of Japan.

State Rep. Gene Guess of Anchorage, who was in Japan not long ago, said the Ainus (pronounced I-neus) are a small minority and having that status, suffer some discrimination in their homeland.

Guess said that the Ainus look very much like Eskimos. He said it was surprising that the Ainus had been following the progress of the native land claims in Alaska.

AFN Public Relations Effort Accelerates in Lower 48 States

Alaska Federation of Native leaders recently intensified the land claims effort with full-time

representation in Washington, D.C. This became a reality with the arrival of Emil Notti, AFN

president, and John Borbridge, AFN first vice-president, late last month.

Other than meeting with congressional leaders, the duties assumed by the pair include a campaign to educate the American public to the case of the Alaska Natives.

This campaign has taken several forms—such as talks before interested groups, interviews with personalities of the news media, and television appearances. These efforts all indicate a more sophisticated approach by native leaders than ever seen before.

One aspect of such a campaign—television talk shows—is inevitable. So it was that on the evening of November 5, Notti and Borbridge traveled to Philadelphia to appear on one of the most popular talk shows in that area.

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Homelike Hope Cottage Houses Retarded Native-White Children

"Cathy is 12 years old but she has a mentality of a child 11 days old," Mrs. Nancy Stuart spoke quietly as she stroked Cathy's shoulder.

Cathy's growth has been stunted by her mental deficiencies. Her head was small as if it had been arrested of its growth since she was 11 days old. She acted as a child would that many days old.

Her mouth moved and her tongue rolled as a tiny child. She clumsily and in childlike manner took food fed to her with a spoon. She seemed unaware that there was anyone around.

Cathy laid on her back making movements of a newborn

baby. One remarkable thing showed through her mental deficiencies. Her complexion was bright and babylike as if she thrived on her diet.

Indeed, care of the mentally retarded children at Hope Cottage at 5412 Dorbrandt Street, Anchorage, Alaska, was good and quietly efficient.

Mrs. Nancy Stuart is the manager-director of the Hope Cottage that houses at the present time around a dozen children.

Mrs. Clara Salisbury, an elderly, kindly woman came into the cottage and promptly picked a tiny native Alaskan baby to hold and to walk around with it.

"As you know, these children are mentally retarded," Mrs. Salisbury said quietly. "They need the same attentive care. They need to be loved and even in their condition, they respond to loving care."

"We're trying to find foster homes for some of the children locally," Mrs. Salisbury continued, "so we won't have to send the children away. There is a great need for homes for the retarded children scattered around the State. Perhaps we could have three to five homes in Alaska."

Hope Cottage is one of three homes for multi-handicapped re-

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