

ASPINALL THREATENS TO BLOCK LAND BILL

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—(August) The Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement bill reported out of the Indian Affairs Sub-

committee of the House Interior Committee last week faces a danger of being killed before reaching the floor of the house. Informed sources close to the Interior Committee report that

the legislation, the product of a compromise carefully engineered within the committee by Alaska congressman Nick Begich, won only conditional endorsement from Interior Chairman Wayne

Aspinall (D-Colo.). The danger facing the legislation is that Aspinall may cancel the five days of executive session which he scheduled for the full committee in mid-

September. This action would upset the critical timing necessary to bring the bill to the house floor this session. Reportedly, Aspinall will re-
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AFN STUDIES NEW LAND BILL



BETHEL WATERFRONT—The sea wall that protects Bethel from the Kuskokwim gave way last week in a two day storm leaving the main area of town virtually unprotected. The Corps of Engineers estimates it would cost \$4 million

to build a new one and that the property is not worth it. Buildings in the area are private property and the city doesn't have the money to do the job. Solution: wait and see.

—Photo by LAEL MORGAN

Just Wait and See—

City of Bethel Washing Away

BETHEL—The town of Bethel is moving, going down river. Last week the seawall which protects the downtown area from the Kuskokwim washed out in two sections and now the waterfront is going, too, leaving great gaping holes on the main street.

"I have to drive three miles now to get to the Post Office," laments Peter Guinn who lives only a few blocks away from it. "It's not quite that bad, really,

I exaggerate. But you do have to detour and drive carefully."

"That's no place for Volkswagens," shrugged Dave Moore, a Bethel Heights resident. "They fall through the cracks."

There's little that can be done about it at this point, according to Dave Webb, city manager.

"The problem is that it's all privately owned land and the Corp of Engineers maintains it would cost more to protect than it's worth."

Last fall the wall was damaged.
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Also Storage Fees—

Villages Impose Landing Fees

Venetie and Arctic Village have hung out a "No Trespassing" sign to all non-members of the Venetie-Chandalar Indian Reservation. Visitors will be required to obtain permission from the village councils, to pay landing and storage fees, abide by anti-litter laws and pay for campsites.

"Especially at Arctic Village, large companies and government agencies have increased use of the airport," Abraham Christian, acting president of the Council of Venetie, explained.

"Heavily loaded large aircrafts do damage to the airports and this requires on the part of the village increased maintenance expense. Large caches of fuel drums and other supplies are placed in various locations, causing unsightly conditions and the possibilities of contamination and large-scale littering.

"Campsites are located at the convenience of the user, without regard to wishes of the Councils

North Slope Townships, Land Reserves, Mineral Rights Concern Group

By LAEL MORGAN
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BETHEL—No formal assessment of the House Interior Committee's land claims bill came from the meeting of the Alaska Federation of Natives Board this week but good groundwork was laid.

"There is quite a bit of concern on land reserve areas and a lot of technical stuff that, even after analysis, we feel we have to do some work on. It will probably take about two weeks," explained Don Wright, president of the organization.

The Bethel meeting was devoted mainly to explanation and analysis of the new legislation which was released by the House House Affairs Subcommittee last week after a long fight.

The new legislation was read in full and, through an interpreter, comparisons were made with the original bill submitted by AFN.

Also on the agenda was a report by the Arctic Slope Native Assn. which is considering additional protection of their land by incorporation under the Indian Reorganization Act to become a quasi-autonomous nation under the federal government.

Scores of Kuskokwim villagers crowded to attend the meeting held in the VFW Hall which was, ironically, decorated with palmy scenes from a tropical jungle.

Through attorney Ken Bass and interpreter Phillip Guy they learned the new bill would give them a total of \$480 million in cash assets which would equal approximately \$8,000 per Native (based on an estimated) 60,000 Natives.)

It was not money but land and loopholes that interested them however.

"Barrow is entitled to at least seven townships but because of the bill's construction, only four townships can be selected because of the petroleum reserve," Bass said. "About 10 villages in the Clarence

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Echoes of 1971 Eskimo Olympics

Fade So We Thank All Who Helped

Now that the last of the visitors have been seen off at Fairbanks International Airport and the walrus skin has been stored until next year's blanket toss, we have time to collect our notes and say "Thank you" to all those who made the 11th Eskimo Olympics a great event.

First, of course, are the over 200 competitors and dance teams which were the best we've ever had. They came from as far North as Barrow and as far west as the Bering Sea.

Helping to fly them in was British Petroleum Company and

the Arctic Research Lab along with Don Gilbert who volunteered air fare for two queen contestants.

Wien Consolidated Airlines gave a round trip to Juneau so the queen could meet Gov. and Mrs. Egan. The Bureau of Indian Affairs funded the appearance of the Kotzebue Day School Dance Team.

Gifts came from Alaska Airline, Ernie Carter, Johnny's Express, Arctic Travelers Gift Shop, Pan American, Northward Drug, Interior Airways, Nerlands, the

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and with possibilities of littering which must be policed by someone."

According to the new ordinance, passed jointly by the

Welcome Center

Hires Adam John

The Fairbanks Native Community Center has a new Assistant Center Director. He is Mr. Adam John, a 30 year old Athapascan Indian from the Tolovana Flats Region.

Mr. John is replacing Mrs. Clara Carroll, who will be returning to school this fall to begin her graduate work in Social Work.

Mrs. Carroll, who has been the Assistant Director for the past 2 years will be gratefully remembered here; her talents and energies have kept the Center an active force in the Fair-

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councils, July 1, the monthly storage rate for materials will be \$100 plus \$.02 per square foot in excess of 5,000 square feet. Campsite charge per person is \$2 plus \$2 per tent. Minimum rental per campsite will be \$100 per month.

Landing charge will be \$15 for single engine aircraft and helicopter and \$50 per multi-engine aircraft. The ruling is not intended to affect scheduled and chartered aircraft serving the reservation.

"Any person violating this ordinance shall be treated as a trespasser, his permit shall be revoked and he shall be subject to prosecution," according to the ruling.

Authorization for the action comes from village by-laws which allow villagers "to control the use by members or non-members of any reserve set aside by the Federal Government for the village and to keep order in the reserve."