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Hannah Loon, Selawik; Ronald Itta, Barrow; Henry Kozloff, St. Paul; and Virginia Nelson, Port Lions; were the students

Royalties in Kind

JUNEAU—Gov. Walter J. Hickel issued a proclamation clarifying the state's position in taking of oil and gas royalties in kind.

In his proclamation, Hickel said that should the State take royalties in kind and sell the oil or gas it obtains to a purchaser, the oil or gas must be refined in the State of Alaska.

"This policy is consistent with the primary manufacturing requirements incorporated in state timber and fisheries policies," Hickel said.

Competitive and non-competitive leases issued by the state provide that the state may, at its discretion, be paid in value the royalty due it, or it may take its royalty in kind, in actual oil or gas itself.

The state's share of its crude oil at this time is approximately 20,000 barrels a day.

Need Alaska Girls for Cherry Festival

The Alaska State Society welcomes all Alaskan girls to submit their application for the selection of the 1969 "Alaska Princess" for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival to be held in Washington, D.C., on March 30th through April 6th.

A principal and two alternates will be selected through a drawing process. The girls must be available in Washington from March 30th through April 6th, 1969, or at least the successful entry should be.

The lucky girl will be invited to all the festival affairs and will be provided with a military es-

cort. One of the 50 princesses will be chosen Cherry Blossom Queen.

The princess from Alaska must be a high school graduate by April 30th, 1969, 19 years of age or have completed 3/4 of one year of college and must not be older than 25 years of age. She must be single, not engaged to be married, nor ever have been married. Alaska must be her official domicile.

The expenses for the princess' travel to and from Alaska, her stay in Washington, D.C., and her clothes must be borne by the Princess or her parents. Young women who are unable to meet all the expenses are encouraged to find a sponsor, such as a men's or women's civic or social club, a church organization, or the local Chamber of Commerce.

Her sponsor must agree in writing to meet these expenses. If the applicant is under 21 years of age, she must have the written consent of her parents. All applications should be received by December 1st, 1968, accompanied by a recent photograph.

Applications are now available by writing to: Chairman, Cherry Blossom Festival c/o Senator Ernest Gruening 4106 New Senate Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20510

Labor Dept. Tightening Procedures

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Labor is tightening up certification procedures for workers on the North Slope, according to information supplied to Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett.

Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz notified Bartlett of the new policy which was adopted after Bartlett had expressed fears that Canadian workers may be replacing Alaskans on North Slope oil development projects.

Bartlett released the Wirtz letter recently after returning to Washington from Cleveland where he underwent medical tests.

Under the new policy, the Labor Department will contact appropriate Alaska labor unions for information on the availability of Alaskan workers and prevailing wage rates on the North Slope. This step will be in addition to the conventional procedure of checking with the state employment office.

Before temporary work permits can be granted to aliens, immigration laws and regulations

require the Labor Department to state that qualified U.S. workers are unavailable and that there would be no adverse effect on wages and working conditions of U.S. workers.

In the period between Jan. 1, 1968 and Nov. 4, 1968, 73 temporary work permits were issued to aliens for work on the North Slope. Certification of the alien work permits was made with the concurrence of the Alaska State Office of Employ-

ment Security, which raised no objection to the issuance of the permits.

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