

Little Diomedes Eskimo Scouts Keep Watch on Icefield Airstrip

On Little Diomedes Island in the Bering Strait, a half-dozen Alaska National Guardsmen are waiting and watching the ice in the sea. They watch because the ice is the only aircraft landing field they have, and if they are going to be able to attend the annual field training encampment at Camp Carroll in Anchorage, next week, the ice must grow heavier and stronger.

Each year, when plans are made for the annual field training of National Guard units in Alaska, a major effort goes into planning the transportation arrangements for the more than 1,000 members of the 1st and 2nd Battalions.

The majority of the members of the two battalions are Eskimos and Indians who live in the remote villages of the western half of the state.

Because most of the villages have only small airfields, light aircraft must be used to ferry them from their homes to one of the larger towns, where better airfields exist, permitting the landing of large multi-engine passenger planes.

At these "staging areas," the men are formed into groups large enough to fill the specially chartered transports for the flight to Anchorage.

The staging areas are located at Nome, Kotzebue, St. Mary's, Ft. Yukon, Unalakleet and Bethel.

The U.S. Property and Fiscal Office for Alaska is assigned the task of arranging the massive airlift effort, and of contracting with bush lines and larger air carriers for the required number of flights.

Working closely with representatives of the air carriers, USP & FO transportation specialists schedule about 150 separate flights from 65 villages. The number of men to be transported varies widely.

From the village of Diomedes, the total will be six men. Depending on the size aircraft used to fly them out, two or three flights may be required. On the other hand, there will be about 32 men from Alakanuk, requiring eight separate flights.

Once the men are gathered

Shismaref Set For Housing Dedication

The village of Shismaref has sent out invitations to the dedication ceremonies of the 21 new houses completed under the Alaska Remote Housing Program, according to Zaccheus William Barr, IRA Council President.

"These homes were made possible," said Barr, "by the late U.S. Senator Bob Bartlett under a bill he introduced in the U.S. Senate to make homes for Natives of Alaska in remote villages."

"We feel that the Alaska Remote Housing Program has greatly benefited our village. We hope you will be able to attend the dedication ceremonies and see how the program has helped in the progressive development of Shismaref."

The ceremonies will be held on February 14 at the village.

into the staging areas, the problems of transportation diminish considerably. Normally, only sudden changes in the weather will cause delays in scheduled flight departures.

But until all the men are reported as gathered at the staging areas, there's going to be quite a bit of tension in the Transportation Section, USP&FO.

Meanwhile, back at Diomedes, the six Scouts are waiting and watching. It might have been yesterday (Jan 22) before anyone knew for certain that Diomedes will be represented at Camp Carroll.

Then in two weeks, the whole process will have to be reversed, to return the Scouts to their homes.

ARTIFACTS WANTED! If you are going to sell old-time objects, please contact the Alaska State Museum first. If you have old-time things that need special care, you can lend them to the Museum for safe-keeping and display. If your things are in the Alaska State Museum, they stay in Alaska. Contact: Jane Wallen, Director, Alaska State Museum, Pouch FM, Juneau, Alaska 99801, phone 586-1224.



SUBSCRIBE NOW

Clark's Curios & Gifts

133 LACEY ST., FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701

Complete Line of Alaskan Gifts
Nugget & Jade Jewelry; Baskets
Yo-yo's, Masks, Mocassins

SPECIALIZING IN IVORY

JOHN B. COGHILL

UNION OIL DISTRIBUTOR

for Tanana and Yukon River Villages
also in the Nenana, Clear, Healy areas

P. O. BOX 268, NENANA, ALASKA



Ski-Doo is your number one choice in snowmobiles

Come see the 1970 reasons why



Number one in sales

Ski-Doo has introduced more people to the sport of snowmobiling than any other make. That's because Ski-Doo invented snowmobiling. And ever since its first appearance on a snowfield, Ski-Doo has been the undisputed snowmobile leader. Last year alone, Ski-Doo dealers sold over 114,000 models. That's more than the next six manufacturers combined. There are many reasons for Ski-Doo's great sales success. And a better choice of models is certainly one of them.

Number one in selection

For 1970, Ski-Doo offers five exciting series — each with a totally different personality. You're sure you'll find one to match your own. If it's luxury you're after, there's Ski-Doo Nordic.* If it's sporty action you're itching for, there's Ski-Doo Olympique. If you want a Ski-Doo that's big, comfortable and fun to drive, there's twin-track Invader.* If you're looking for speed and power, there's Ski-Doo T'NT.* And if price is on your mind, there's the Ski-Doo 12/3. It's so low priced, a lot of people are buying two and three.

Number one in sizzle

Every one of our snowmobiles is powered by the world famous Rotax engine — designed exclusively for Ski-Doo. No other engine delivers more efficient power for climbing, towing, just plain funning around. And no engine acts better, at all sizes, in all temperatures. And this year, our Rotax engines are even more dependable. They're bigger in size, with more cc's, but deliver the same horsepower as before for the most trouble-free performance in snowmobile history.

Number one in service

Your Ski-Doo dealer is a good guy to know. Not just because he sells the number one snowmobile. But because he can offer better service after the sale. He's a pro with know-how, ready to give you qualified repair service — whenever you need it. He's the man who offers a free 15 hour service check to new Ski-Doo owners. And a parts and service warranty that gives you real peace of mind. He's also the one person in town who can tell you where to find all the best snowmobiling trails. If you want the number one choice in snowmobiles, in high-fashion winter sportswear and accessories, see your Ski-Doo dealer. He'll show you all the 1970 reasons why you go one better when you go Ski-Doo.

**North America's
number one
snowmobile**



*go one better
go ski-doo*

There's a Ski-Doo dealer near you.

*T.M. Bombardier Ltd.

FRANCHISE SKI-DOO SALES & SERVICES

H & H ENTERPRISES

Phillips Field Road
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

P.O. Box 1811
Phone—479-6419

ski-doo

BIG RAY'S SURPLUS

Send for Our Free Catalog
Top Value at Low Prices

452-3458

507 2nd Avenue