

WINTER NORTH SLOPE TRAIL

JUNEAU—Gov. Walter J. Hickel wired all next session legislators today requesting their concurrence in the immediate construction of a winter trail from the Fairbanks area to Umiat on the North Slope.

Hickel said substantial cargo tonnage accumulating in Fairbanks for conveyance to the North Slope has created a pressing need for a winter trail.

"Your favorable consideration to use state highway funds or a supplemental appropriation to cover expenditures not to exceed \$350,000 for construction of a winter trail is requested," Hickel wired the legislators.

His wire followed a day of meetings with representatives of trucking industry from Anchorage and Fairbanks.

The trail, as outlined by Hickel, would originate at either Tofty, west of Fairbanks, or Livengood, north of Fairbanks.

Either trail would run to Bettles and from Bettles north to Umiat. Air distance between

Umiat and Fairbanks is 340 miles.

In citing the need for the winter trail, Hickel said the surface transportation artery will make possible the harvesting of timber resources on the south side of the Brooks Range, utilizing 199% local native labor.

"Extensive use of the timber stock as piling and rough cut lumber to satisfy the tremendous appetite the oil industry has for this material can be expected now and in the future," Hickel said.

If legislative approval of the winter trail project is secured, the Department of Highways will publish specifications and invitations to bid by Nov. 20, 1968. Work on the trail would be under the supervision of the Department of Highways.

If approval of the legislature is secured, it is expected that work could begin by Dec. 15 and should be completed in two or three weeks.

"The winter trail will be constructed in such a manner as to provide an adequate driving surface to accommodate highway type trucks," Hickel said.

Taking part in the meeting were: Gareth and Jules Wright, Tundra-Wright, Fairbanks; Ken Weaver, Anchorage; James G. Dye, Mukluk Freight Lines, Kenai; Leo A. Schlotfeldt; Sourdough Express, Fairbanks; Ernest E. Webb, SeaLand Freight, Anchorage; Howard Bayless, Bayless and Roberts, Inc., Copper Center; and Andrew Miscovich, Fairbanks.

Also participating in the meeting Friday were Commissioner of Highways Cosby Steen, Commissioner of Public Works Harold Strandbert, and Wally Kubley Pat Ryan, assistants to the Governor.

The winter trail will provide immediate transportation but the real answer in practical economics is the extension of the Alaska Railroad to provide rail transportation to the Arctic, Hickel said.

Die in Crash . . .

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with him a few minutes ago. He was badly shook up but he's alright."

Bobby Fisher acquired the new Aero Commander just three weeks ago. Fisher was married to a Barrow native girl and they had several children.

According to information, the plane had taken off but one of the engines began to smoke and the pilot attempted to turn back to the Barrow field when it crashed.

This week, Commission of Labor Thomas J. Moore told Tundra Times that he was sending Eli Reyes and George Wilson to Barrow and Wainwright to take work applications from the native workers for possible employment in the oil operation on the North Slope.

Reasons that have not been clarified as yet apparently saved Eli Reyes life when he did not board the ill-fated plane.

'No Party to' Claims . . .

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consideration has not been given it, and continues to feel that great injustice will be done to the citizens of this great state, if the present bill in congress is permitted to become law without due consideration for a just settlement for the claims of the Arctic Slope Native Association, and

WHEREAS, various meetings connected to the Arctic Slope and it's progress have been called by the Governor of the State of Alaska, proposing to further develop, and in fact, to further encroach upon our land without our consent, much less holding meetings passing judgement on our very future without even giving thought to inviting a representative of the Arctic Slope Native Association to sit in, and

WHEREAS, it is our continued firm belief that we own this land and have in fact paid dearly through the shedding of our own lifeblood in hand to hand combat with those that would deny us this land,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arctic Slope Native Association, after due consideration, for lack of a better solution, and our continued feeling of being neglected as is reflected in the proposed overall settlement for native land claims, does hereby, declare itself no party to and completely divorced from the present legislation proposing an overall settlement for native land claims;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Hon. E.L. Bartlett Senior United States Senator

from Alaska, Hon. Ernest Gruening, junior United States Senator from Alaska, Hon. Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior, Senator-elect, Hon. Mike Gravel, Hon. Walter J. Hickel, Governor of Alaska, Hon. Emil Notti, President, Alaska Federation of Natives, and the news media through out the State of Alaska.

Passed by the Officers of the Arctic Slope Native Association this 8th day of November 1968.

(Sgd.) Walton Ahmaogak
WALTON AHMAOGAK
President
Arctic Slope Native Association

ATTEST:

(Sgd.) Eben Hopson
EBEN HOPSON
Executive Director
Arctic Slope Native Association

Memorabilia . . .

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ground. An Alaskan totem design is also a highlight of the tag design.

The department will offer for sale, on a competitive bid basis, some 2,330 pair of passenger car plates; nearly 2,700 pair of truck license tags; 54 pair of Sunday school bus license plates; 20 pair of special legislators' tags, and 115 pair of "Historical Vehicle" plates.

Bid forms are available from the Department of Administration in Juneau. Bids will be opened on Dec. 3.

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and relatives—and hosting—all was conducted with marvelous respect for our heritage and dignity with strict attention to the modern Robert's Rules of Order, which was strictly adhered to.

"The conference was a serious one, of course, but it was interspersed with the most needed humor instilled throughout all phases of the convention.

"As a goodwill token, Ralph Perdue of Fairbanks donated to the Alaska Native Sisterhood a gold nugget necklace for them to raffie off for their own projects.

"Juneau camp did a tremendous job in hosting the convention. Everyone was welcomed and taken care of throughout the full convention. A Tour of the Governor's mansion was conducted. Wickersham ferry held an open house, and what a beautiful addition to our Alaska transportation."

For the first time in its history, ANB installed new camps from the far northern part of Alaska and these were from Barrow and Kotzebue.

Although Kotzebue did not send representatives, it joined the ANB via a telegram. Barrow sent five representatives and they were: Irving Igtanloc, who was elected 2nd vice president of the ANB, Myron B. Igtanloc, Carol M. Igtanloc, Beatrice M. Igtanloc, and Mrs. Jennie Brower Felder.

Barrow camp to date has 17 ANB and 17 Alaska Native Sisterhood members.

It was noted that the 56th ANB convention passed all four of the Barrow delegation resolutions and these concerned education, employment, and training and hiring of local people, additional flash evaporation units for water idstillation, and sea wall for Barrow.

Dr. George W. Rogers, economist, keynoted the ANB convention. He said in part:

"... I would like to close by presenting a challenge to this convention to initiate steps which will increase the role the ANB and ANS play in Alaska's future.

"For years you have made education of your youth one of your primary concerns. This is one means of helping your young

prepare themselves to take a greater role in the emerging future.

"But there is also a need for CONTINUING education and training for all age-groups, for the future will be a constantly changing one. You can assist your people in planning for participation through helping them to anticipate the changes and changing requirements."

A bit of a controversy erupted at the convention when the ANB requested \$100,000 from the Tlingit and Haida Central Council to fund some programs such as places to go for stranger Indians who come to town.

After a lengthy discussion, the proposal was passed setting the figure for \$25,000 that would pay an executive director \$10,000 salary and \$15,000 for traveling expenses.

The director, who would be appointed by the executive committee of the ANB, would look into needed services for native people.

A total of 119 resolutions were passed by the ANB 56th annual convention.

One of these, resolution No. 68-101 submitted by the Sitka camp, was concerned with the Mt. Edgecumbe High School facility near Sitka.

The resolution declared that for almost two years, Mt. Edgecumbe has been programmed for upgrading; that due to this programming no renovations have been made to improve the dormitories or to furnish them up to minimum standards for the Bureau of Indian Affairs dormitories.

The resolution pointed out that third floors of both main dormitories at Mt. Edgecumbe have been condemned because of fire danger. The condemnation has posed a problem of sleeping some 300 boys at the school.

This has made it necessary for many of the boys to be housed in obsolete wooden structures built as temporary Army war-time, two-story quarters.

The resolution further stated that the BIA has threatened to close Mt. Edgecumbe while continuing to fund the operation of their schools which the native

young people attend in Chillico, Oklahoma and Chemawa, Oregon.

The funds, it continued, that were originally appropriated for upgrading Mt. Edgecumbe were being seriously considered for use by the State Department of Education and the BIA to build a dormitory facility in East Anchorage; that this consideration was done without consulting Alaska natives.

The resolution then asked the convention to endorse the upgrading at Mt. Edgecumbe dormitories and classrooms with the original appropriation intended for that use; that no other plans for the use of that appropriation be allowed without consent and advisement of the Alaska natives involved.

The resolution was passed. "That ANB convention was a very impressive one. They fought and they argued but there was that sense of humor always," said Mary Jane Fate.

"They fought on many resolutions but they surely didn't when the Tundra Times resolution was presented. They passed it right away—unanimously."

The interior delegation was guested by Dr. and Mrs. Walter Soboleff. Dr. Soboleff is the Grand President of the ANB. He was re-elected.

Byron Mallott was elected Grand Vice President; Irving Igtanloc, 2nd Grand Vice President; Richard Stitt, Grand Treasurer; and Harold Bremner, Sergeant at Arms.

The following are elected officials of the ANS: Lottie Nannauck, Grand President; Marlene Sprague, Vice president; Mary Jones, secretary; Teresa Stitt, treasurer; and Trudy Wolf, Sergeant at Arms.

Grand Vice President Byron Mallott was elected as the representative of the ANB to the Alaska Federation of Natives.

And what was the first thing Mary Jane Fate and her fellow delegates learned on arrival in Juneau for the convention?

"Eel' see xuhn," Mary Jane mouthed the phrase carefully. "It means 'I love you' in Tlingit. and 'Goon'uhl cheesh ho,ho' means, 'Thank you very much'."

Dear Friends,

Ten days and two deer later I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the many fine people of Alaska who supported my candidacy for the United States Senate.

Your friendship and your efforts in my behalf will be treasured by Mary Louise and me always.

May our paths continue to cross in the days and years ahead. You can be assured that I will continue to work for a better Alaska.

Most Sincerely,
ELMER RASMUSON