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NATIVE HOUSING FLOUNDERS

220 Per Cent More Workers If Pipeline on

Employment in the northern region of the state is expected to increase by 220 per cent (5,900 workers) during the second year of construction, with most of the workers employed directly in pipeline construction, the research firm noted in its survey for Alyeska.

Most of the construction force (97 per cent) is expected to live in work camps built especially for the project. But the size of the force is still expected to impose unique pressures on the rest of the area's extremely thin economy.

Secondary employment is expected to double, with about 400 workers added to the business and repair service labor force and another 100 workers added to the retail labor force.

All facilities and services will be strained, the company said. But housing in particular will require special attention to meet the influx of population. An inability to supply adequate housing could deter projected growth.

In making its predictions, the
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Racial Undertones After Murder

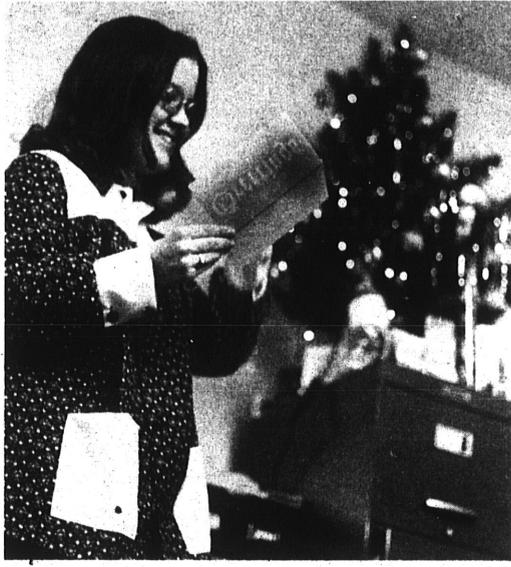
Student feelings ran high this week and some undertones of racial bias appeared in the wake of the murder of Jody Rae Stambaugh at the University of Alaska, according to a report from KTVF reporter Terri Foster.

Miss Foster talked with people who knew both Miss Stambaugh and her accused killer, Allen Riley Walunga. From these interviews came a picture of a girl who was friendly and helpful, although not particularly outgoing. Most of her time was spent with her roommate Deborah Dimond or with her brother Gary and his friends, one person said.

Walunga was another matter. Known by few boys on his floor, he apparently kept largely to himself. He would stay up alone all night and one student said that he sometimes disappeared for entire days.

Walunga allegedly said that everyone picked on him because he was a native and that the white man was out to get him.

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CHRISTMAS COMES TO TT — Many Christmas cards came to the office of the Tundra Times from all over the nation and and foreign countries. Reading one of the cards is Linda Resh, composer operator.
— Photo by FRANK MURPHY

HUD Argues Housing Not Financially Feasible

By MARGIE BAUMAN

ANCHORAGE — Federal funding for hundreds of homes in Alaska native villages has been cut on grounds it is not financially feasible to build the homes under the Turnkey Three program.

The decision of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development was revealed Sunday at a board meeting of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. in Anchorage. HUD arguments basically are that the operating expenses for the homes are not feasible.

The move by the federal agency came more than one week after the natives planned to go to bid on housing initially promised in President Nixon's housing program in July of 1970.

It will mean continued use of numerous substandard housing units in the Alaskan Arctic and elsewhere throughout the state.

State Sen. Willie Hensley, D-Kotzebue, president of AFN,

Inc., said his reaction was "one on pure frustration. What do you do in a situation like this? You kind of feel like you've been had," he said.

"AFN housing authority itself has been prepared to go to bid for weeks," he said. "But it would be folly to make it appear the housing program will go now when it appears it will not.

"They're just not granting the subsidy that's feasible to make the program work . . . and this is a nationwide problem. There are housing programs going belly-up all over the country." He said.

"Since Nixon announced the Indian Housing Program the AFN, the AFN Housing Authority and regional native parties have spent much time and money planning the promised homes.

"Their hopes have been high to receive them," Hensley said. "Some villages have moved to new locations expecting new
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Land Use Planning Commission

President of Tanana Chiefs Among Key Speakers

By JOYCE ZIMMERSCHIED

What use land should be put to, what plans to make and how to make them were the major topics discussed in the first Land Use Planning Commission meetings held in Fairbanks. The commission met Thursday through Saturday in the Chamber of Commerce log cabin.

Heading the commission are federally-appointed Jack Horton

and Joe Josephson, designated as state appointee in place of Gov. William Egan. Also sitting on the commission are four members chosen by Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton and four picked by Gov. Egan.

Among key speakers before the commission was John Sackett, president of the Tanana Chiefs. Following opening remarks on the terms and implementation of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act,

Sackett spoke on problems and progress of the Chiefs.

Noting that the Chiefs are
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Dropout Rate Drops

Phenomenal 90 Per Cent to 9.7

In the fall of 1969, the dropout rate among Native students at the University of Alaska was a phenomenal 80 to 90 per cent. By spring of 1971, it had dramatically fallen to 9.7 per cent.

Dr. Walter A. Soboleff, coordinator and lecturer for Native studies, attributes a large part of this reduction to the Student Orientation Services. The SOS lends students, especially Natives, support in adjusting to campus life.

"Social adjustment on cam-

pus is not an easy thing and also coming in from a rural area to Fairbanks is quite an adjustment." Add to this the fact that most Native students are the first in their families to attend college and the problems become even more difficult.

About 400 Native students are currently enrolled at the University, a majority of them freshman. They come from all over the state, ranging as far north as Barrow and as far
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Cher Assists Natives

Spot Announcements on Claims

ANCHORAGE, Ak. — One of the most talented female entertainers in the country — part native herself — is helping Alaskan Natives to claim nearly one billion dollars in benefits.

Cher Bono of the team Sonny and Cher produced six television spot announcements which will be distributed to television stations throughout the country.

The public service announcements stress the fact that anyone who is at least one-quarter Native Alaskan, Aleut, Indian or Eskimo may be eligible to share in benefits outlined in the recent Alaska Native Land Claims settlement.

The announcements will encourage anyone who thinks he is eligible to share in the benefits to write the Alaska Native En-



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