

Schoolwork is Foreign to Gambell Students

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Empty of children, the seventh/eighth grade classroom in Gambell looks about the same as a classroom anywhere in the

United States. In the front of the room, a green tinted blackboard is freshly washed. In the back of the room, a modern sink and counter provide hot and cold running water. Molded plastic chairs, circa mid 1960s

balance precariously each night atop functionally modern wood and metal school desks.

Outside the big picture windows, the students live in oil heated homes of driftwood, scrap lumber and tarpaper.

There, the heat comes from oil stoves. Water is hauled from the well, the heavy buckets balanced on a pole across straight Eskimo shoulders.

In the dim morning light, old women go down to the

edge of the nearby ocean to collect clams and mussels, seaweed and sea vegetables to add to their diet. Behind the anachronistic modern school building the ocean laps closer each

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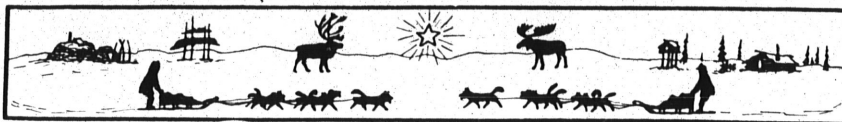
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CLAIMS VOTE EXPECTED TODAY

Wien Jet is Hijacked

Over 13 hours of tense drama ended for Wien Consolidated Airlines Monday afternoon when the man who hijacked their morning flight from Anchorage to Bethel surrendered to Royal Canadian Mounted Police (R.C.M.P.) in Vancouver, B.C.

For hours, the Wien jet flew without specific destination as the skyjacker, identified as Dale Lavon Thomas, 29, held a brand new stewardess as hostage and demanded to be flown first to Vancouver, then to Cuba, Mexico City and then back to Vancouver.

Twenty-two year old Nancy Davis of Seattle the stewardess on her first flight with Wien, is credited with convincing the skyjacker to first land in Anchorage and release the 30 passengers on the plane and then later surrender to R.C.M.P. She said Monday evening she was "very frightened" throughout the more than 13 hour ordeal. "But I just fed him coffee and tried to keep him talking as much as I could."

Miss Davis said the hijacker first approached her to ask where the washroom was shortly after the Boeing 737 took off from Anchorage, then he stuck a gun in her face and told her the plane was not going to Bethel.

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SJC has Services for Crash Victims

Memorial services were held in October for nine freshmen students killed in the crash of an airliner north of Juneau in September. The nine were all freshmen students who were traveling to the SJC campus to begin studies. The memorial services were held in Allen Auditorium with participation of the students and chaplain, The Reverend William Zeiger.

The nine included: Mable Sampson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rex T. Sampson of Kotzebue; Robert Wilbur Brown, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harvard B. Brown of Barrow; Don Carlos Pollock, son of Mr. & Mrs. Don Lyman Pollock of Palmer; James Edward Odman of Anchorage; Ralph Kelley Sutherland Jr., of Homer; Thomas Lloyd Denny, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Denny of Clear; Inez Christine Smith, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nile Smith of Bethel; Baxter Adams Jr., of Barrow and Alvin Joe Morris, son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Morris of Noorvik.



WHERE WILL SHE GO—Just entering first grade, this little girl's world in Gambell, Alaska is living her Eskimo language and culture; bounded by inadequate housing and isolation from the rest of the world. On the edge of United States territory how well does the white oriented school system serve her?

State Hiring Procedure Unclear in Kotzebue

Applicants Misled on Manpower Job

Levi Mills, Jr. has been named manager of the Kotzebue Manpower Center, the Alaska Department of Labor announced October 13. According to the announcement, Mills, assumed his position on October 18, following a two-week training period in Fairbanks.

The procedure followed in recruiting for his position has revealed an apparent discrepancy in the Labor Department's hiring practices. An advertisement in the KOTZEBUE NEWS last month announced that applications for the Manpower manager's job would be open until October 12.

Even after Mills was sent to Fairbanks for training to assume that position, applicants in Kotzebue were told that the position was still open.

A story in the October 6 issue of the KOTZEBUE NEWS said, "Levi Mills Jr. will be the new Manpower director. He is now in Fairbanks receiving training."

Last week, after the Alaska State Labor Department announced Mills' appointment, officials of that agency were continuing

to interview applicants.

Contrary to information contained in the announcement, applicants were told that Mills' appointment was only temporary.

"I am so surprised that they lied right to my face," one applicant told the Tundra Times.

Mills was born in Deering and graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School. He formerly worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Kotzebue.

FNA Day Care Center Uncertain

Faces Funding Dilemma--

As of this week nobody in Fairbanks seems to know what will happen to the Fairbanks Native Association Day Care Center, formerly scheduled to open this week.

Director Bertha Lowe reported to the TUNDRA TIMES Tuesday morning that she had met with the FNA Board Monday night and they will support her morally in her search for \$6,000 in funds—three months operating expenses.

Any government grants will

probably take at least that long, she said, before they come through.

Mrs. Lowe said Monday that Fairbanks Native Community Center (FNCC) director Sam Kito had given her one week to find \$17,000 in additional funding necessary to operate the center and pay the expenses of renovating its building at 1550 Gillam Way in South Fairbanks.

The center has already completed some renovation in the

formerly surplus building which was once occupied by the Fairbanks Head Start program.

"Kito seemed to believe we could run a shoestring operation depending on volunteer help," Mrs. Lowe reported. "However, setting up a day care center requires a good trained staff. It is very difficult during a Fairbanks winter for volunteers, no matter how motivated, to be dependable. We can't set this up for nothing."

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Amendments Cause Confusion

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 19)—After two hours of debate on the native land claims bill, the U.S. House of Representatives postponed debate on three vital amendments and votes on the bill and its amendments till Wednesday.

The House completed debate on the main portion of the bill about 6:30 p.m. Washington time and adjourned till tomorrow when the first order of business will be the three amendments to the land claims bill.

Activity from conservation groups, the National Rifle Association and other groups commanded the attention of most of the House members on Tuesday as telegrams poured in from all over the nation.

"Every member has received telegrams from all these groups and confusion is reigning," according to Paul Tendler, press secretary for Rep. Nick Begich (D-Alaska). "The Congressman is

asking for unity."

"We're hoping the bill will come out without any amendments," Tendler said.

The three amendments in question are the Rep. John Taylor (R-Penn.) amendment, which provides for comprehensive land planning and a land freeze to implement it and two amendments providing for Alaskan wildlife refuges—both introduced by Rep. John Dingell (D-Michigan).

In the amendment debate Wednesday each member is entitled to five minutes to speak on each amendment. The speeches should be over by 3:30 p.m., Tendler reported, at which time votes will be taken.

In the debate this afternoon, Congressman Wayne Aspinall (D-Colorado) Chairman of the House Interior Committee spoke in favor of the native land claims bill.

Aspinall is one of the sponsors of the house bill and is putting his weight behind it.

Congressman Begich is scheduled to speak tomorrow on the amendments. He and other Congressmen have received hundreds of telegrams from people outside the state as well as Alaskans. Most of the outside telegrams came from people in favor of the conservationist amendments.

In Alaska, the Alaska Miners Association has been conducting a last ditch publicity campaign against the land claims bill and specifically against the Saylor amendment and has urged Alaskans to telegram their protest to Congressmen Aspinall and Begich.

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Nenana Wins School Suit

The order stems from a charge by the city of Nenana that the state sharply reduced its school enrollment by creating schools for students who should attend in Nenana.

Superior Court Judge Warren W. Taylor ruled the state acted illegally when it established the schools south of Fairbanks this fall because the plans were not approved by the State Board of Education.