

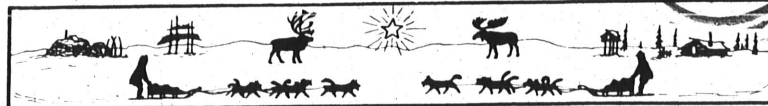
Tundra Times

25c

Inupiat Pitot People's Heritage

Den Nena Henash Our Land Speaks

Unanguq Tunuktauq The Aleuts Speak



Tlingit
Ut kah neek Informing and Reporting

Vol. 9, No. 44

Wednesday, July 12, 1972

Fairbanks, Alaska

MINI-LEAK ON NORTH SLOPE



CATCH POND BURNOFF — Oil from the leak is being burned out of a "catch pond" where oil collects from the seep. The leak is at Happy Valley Camp on the Slope.

Alyeska and BLM Say Minimal Leak Occurred

By JACQUELINE GLASGOW
Staff Writer

Since the discovery of oil on the North Slope, Alaskans have been confronted with two emotions: excitement at the possibilities for development, wealth and employment for the state, and secondly, concern for the preservation of the natural wild beauty and abundant game resources. That the one could be achieved without the cost of the other has been the aim of major efforts from many directions.

A big bugaboo has been the possibility of an oil leak causing extensive damage to the natural environment, a leak either along the pipeline route or at the coastal loading docks.

Various forms of legislation have been sought to cover the eventualities anticipated, scientific studies have been conducted by environmentalist, conservationist, state, federal, and Native interest groups, and by the major oil companies themselves.

The question has been — What would happen IF? What would happen IF there is a spill?

Last weekend, the Tundra Times uncovered a story of a mini-leak on the Slope. The leakage, according to the Bureau of Land Management and Alyeska officials was "minimal", it is

a small story about a small happening. Nevertheless, the significance of the measures taken or NOT taken, and the attitudes of those responsible for correction have ramifications that are meaningful in a larger and more critical sense.

The leakage occurred at the Happy Valley Camp, an Alyeska owned pipeline construction camp located on the North Slope about 10 miles downriver from Interior Airways Sag 1 Airport. Adjoining the camp is a fair-sized creek which flows into the Sagavanirktok River which flows north and empties ultimately into Prudhoe Bay.

Various fuels necessary for operation of the camp are stored in rubberized fabric storage "bladders." There is diesel fuel for heavy duty machinery, for heating and stove oil, jet fuel for helicopters and aircraft, and reg-

(Continued on page 6)

ATS-1 Satellite Radio to Broadcast Eskimo Olympics

On July 26, 27, 28 and 31, the ATS-1 Satellite Radio Program will broadcast coverage of Native Games taking place in Barrow, Tanana, Inuvik, Canada, and Fairbanks, Alaska.

On Wednesday, July 26, the program will play tapes from last winter's games in Barrow, and will also report at that time on the results of the Canadian games in Inuvik which will be held July 15-16.

A special charter flight is scheduled to leave Fairbanks on the 14th to take Alaskan athletes, members of the Tundra Times staff and board, and local fans to Inuvik for the games.

Round trip fare is only \$65 and arrangements can be made

through Western Travel Service, 452-1127.

Thursday, the 27th, music recorded at the recent Nuchalawoyya celebration in Tanana will be broadcast. The music is that of the Tanana and Stevens Village dance groups.

On Friday, July 28, and Monday, the 31st, the color and drama of the Tundra Times World Eskimo Olympics will complete the spectrum of Native games and dancing.

The programs will be heard

(Continued on page 6)

To Join Imposing List— Microfilming Corp. of America to film TT

History is being made in Alaska today. It is recorded in newspapers.

The Microfilming Corporation of America, a New York Times Company, has asked for permission to microfilm all back issues and all future issues of the Tundra Times Newspaper.

Since its beginnings, the Tundra Times has recorded the continuing history of the Alaskan Native — the struggle for land rights; the ever-growing political awareness; the emergence of great Native leaders; Native life in the cities and villages of Alaska; the traditions, poems and legends; Native games, sports, music and dances; the ancient ways of hunting, fishing, and whaling; the preservation of Native arts and crafts, and the languages and thoughts of the people.

The goal of the Microfilming Corporation of America is storage for the centuries, for the generations to come. The original master negative will be placed in an archival storage vault and will endure as long as possible.

Copies of the original will be made available to researchers, libraries, and universities, and will become part of a special collection on the American Indian.

In being selected for this program, Tundra Times joins the

(Continued on page 6)

Eerie Eclipse Period at Anaktuvuk Pass

People at Anaktuvuk Pass experienced an eerie and weird eclipse period that lasted 36 seconds. During that period and some time before and after it, the husky dogs of Anaktuvuk Pass began to wail and bark.

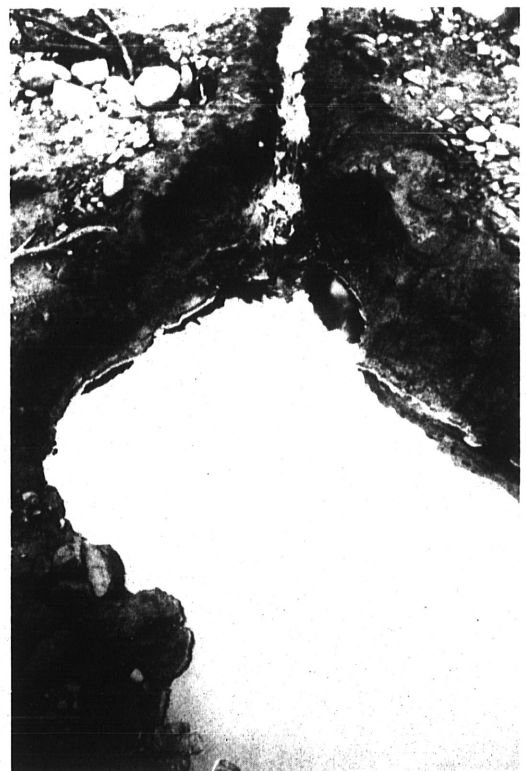
"It was one of the weirdest things I ever experienced," said Dale Wilkins of Denver, Colo. who was at the village.

Wilkins said that about 15 small planes kept landing at the village Monday morning.

"After the eclipse, they were all gone before 11:00 a.m. Weird day at Anaktuvuk Pass," Wilkins added. "I wondered what the village folks thought about that."

Here in Fairbanks, people were awed by the spectacle when the sky darkened around 10:00 a.m. when the sun was merely a thin crescent.

"It's amazing how much light is coming from that thin little crescent," someone remarked.



CATCH POND — A pond has been excavated by a small river in front of Happy Valley Camp to collect oil seepage from a leak from an oil bladder or from an underground pipe. The stream runs into Sagavanirktok River that empties into Prudhoe Bay.

OEO Grants FNA To Upgrade Job Opportunities

The Fairbanks Native Association is the recipient of a one-year grant for \$158,943 from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The program in Fairbanks, Alaska is designed to help increase the educational and employment opportunities of the poor.

The purpose of the grant will be to reduce the impact of seasonal fluctuation of the economy through job development, increase the number of youth continuing their education through and beyond high school, ease the transition from traditional rural life to an urban culture, provide legal services for the native people, expand and improve communications to the community, and assist in obtaining more decent, low-cost housing in Fairbanks.