



NEW LOOK FOR THE ANCHORAGE DAILY TIMES BUILDING

Blue marble, white concrete finish and bronze trim will mark the new wing of the Anchorage Daily Times building on Fourth Avenue in downtown Anchorage. Construction will start by May 1 as part of a \$2 million expansion and improvement program that will provide Anchorage with the most modern newspaper plant in Alaska. The new wing will be

immediately east of the present plant which will be remodeled to conform. It will provide a new public entrance, with bronze glass and sculptured trim. The front office will have a fountain and other attractive features.

—Anchorage Times Photograph

Anchorage Times Invests \$2 Million in Offset Conversion; Construction to Begin in May

Construction of a new building as part of a \$2 million expansion program by the Anchorage Daily Times will begin by May 1.

The program will bring conversion to full-color offset printing for the Times, Alaska's largest newspaper. The new building will

house four units of the newly designed Metro offset web press which is scheduled for delivery in October, said Robert B. Atwood, editor and publisher.

Construction will include a three-story wing east of the existing plant in downtown Anchorage, featuring blue marble, white concrete finish and bronze trim.

The new plan will give the paper 47,000 square feet total working space.

Forecasts indicate that the Times circulation, now at 32,000 will be 40,000 by the time the new press begins production.

With a 64-page capacity, the new press can print at least 60,000 papers an hour and can complete an entire run without stopping because it has such modern equipment as automatic paper roll changers.

If the new press were in operation today, the Times could print its 32,000 papers in 32 minutes!

The decision to undertake the \$2 million expansion and improvement program involved much travel and study by three members of the newspaper staff.

Atwood, Bernie Kosinski, executive editor, and Jack Ebenal, mechanical superintendent, visited many newspaper plants to study the photographic equipment and attended dozens of lectures on newspaper production problems.

The conversion to offset printing was not possible for the Anchorage Times to initiate until last October

when the Goss Company started production of the new Metro press.

The decision to switch to offset was a major one because of the money involved plus the knotty problems of establishing new systems to use the fascinating techniques of photographic reproduction.

In replacing its letterpress operation by October, the Anchorage Times is rushing to complete in one year what normally takes two years to accomplish.

Tame, Too—

Anaktuvuk Pass Enjoying Best Caribou Season; Herd Linger

Anaktuvuk Pass is enjoying the best caribou season it ever had. Those animals by the thousands have been lingering around the village for some time.

"They're even getting tame," said Raymond Paneak this week. "They're not scared even when they're only a hundred feet away from you. At first, dogs barked and sometimes ran after them."

"The caribou would run away but after the dog gives up, they come right back to the village. Now the dogs just look at them and they don't bark anymore. If I want to, I can just go out of my door and get a caribou."

Paneak, along with Joshua Rulland, said the caribou were well fed and fat and, did not appear to want to

Possible Crab Contamination

JUNEAU—Gov. Walter J. Hickel today said he has directed the Department of Health and Welfare to carry out a thorough investigation into the reported possible contamination of as much as two million pounds of king crab meat processed at Adak.

In a statement issued this week, the governor said:

"King crab from Alaska is considered a quality food, and a gourmet delicacy all over the world. In this case, which may involve conflicting information, we sincerely urge consumers not to jump to conclusions."

"If the crab truly is contaminated, then by all means it should be prevented from coming to market."

"If it is not contaminated, then it should be released for marketing."

"Alaska has worked long and hard to develop its king crab industry. Our Alaskan processors are proud of their product."

"Our seafood products have a fine reputation—and we want our reputation to stay that way."

"We will not tolerate sloppy preparation of this fine resource."

"Alaskans—and king crab consumers around the world—can be assured we will deal most unsympathetically with any crab processor who sidesteps regulations and controls because he is 1,400 miles out in the Allutians, far from enforcement officials."

"This must not be allowed to happen. If this means we need legislation, we will introduce it. If it means we need more sanitation inspectors, we will get them."

"We support inspection measures, and any other steps which may be needed to maintain the quality and reputation of Alaska's justly-famed king crab."

Women Meeting

The Fairbanks branch of the American Association of university women will meet at the U.S.O. on Monday, March 18.

Following the business session there will be a special program on the topic "The Regional High School."

A panel discussion will feature guest speakers. The public is invited.

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