

Hooper Bay

By MIKE AKERELREA

The first snow I saw was in the mountains. It was in Wednesday the 27th. I think the clouds are snowing again to the mountains.

We hope there will be more snow. When there is enough snow the children will start sliding down the hill, but they will not have fun as they used to, because the rails going down the hill have been made into steps near Kirt Bell's house that is the place where the children take off on their ride.

By Wilfred Heolscher and Peter Lake

Everybody will take the metropolitan achievement test. Testing schedule will be held through out the next week. It will be exactly how the students will be going ahead on their tests.

Special Session . . .

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year payment by each of our working citizens to contribute to the fund until \$7.5 million is reached. I think it is a real progressive thing."

Early in the special session when it was pointed out to the legislature that this program would be more liberal than President Johnson would have proposed, Gov. Hickel replied, "Gentlemen, we could not solve the problem of the flood if we were as conservative as the Texas Democrats."

The new tax bills enacted will help to pay for the expenses of damage of the flood in August and then the money coming in from the taxes imposed will be used to build up a \$7.5 million disaster fund.

When that figure is reached, taxes will lapse automatically and reimposed when the fund shrinks below \$5 million.

DEBATE

When the "head" tax bill was debated in the House, following are some of the remarks of the legislators.

Rep. Tom Fink: "This tax is not necessary. State has adequate funds and still has a surplus of more than \$14 million. This legislation should be taken up at the general session."

Rep. Gene Guess: "The way this bill is drafted, it will fade in and out."

Rep. Jalmur Kerttula: "We should wait till the regular session... We are confusing the hour. There is no need to pass the bill for the next two or three months. I am philosophically opposed to passing it now."

Rep. Ted Stevens: "I am for the bill."

Rep. Sassara: "This is a regressive bill."

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contacted me in mistaken belief that since this is federal surplus food which Department of Agriculture can donate, action must be initiated here in Washington. Fact, as you know, is that request for surplus commodities must be initiated by state administration."

Several weeks ago, Senator Gruening recommended to Governor that State of Alaska "should move promptly to request surplus commodities from Department of Agriculture for distribution in other fishing areas in addition to Bristol Bay where hunger will exist this winter because of poor salmon runs of 1967 season. Specific requests I have made previously covered villages in Southeastern Alaska and in Bethel area."

Sen. Criticizes 'Pigeon Holing'

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has been controversial from the start. The native people from Bethel to Barrow have not been pleased with the appointment remembering Nelson's action that resulted in the duck issue back in 1961.

CAA Adds Two

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Church in South Fairbanks.

As soon as the program is totally operational, Mrs. Cabaniss will direct three instructors, six low-income teacher aides and several other supportive staff members.

The CAA plans to have three centers in operation when the child development program is fully developed.

Gregorioff . . .

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overturned plane but Gregorioff had suffered a broken neck.

Early this year, Billy Gregorioff became well known to many people when he accused the Federal Aviation Administration of discrimination against himself and his operation as an air taxi pilot.

Since that time, and before that time, a running battle between the Aleut pilot and the FAA personnel in and around Iliamna had been going on. Charges and counter charges were made that resulted at a hearing in Anchorage on August 19.

Both parties accused the other of violating air traffic regulations of the FAA.

At the time of Gregorioff's death, the results of the hearing were being reviewed in Washington, D. C. by the chief examiner of the aviation agency.

The ruling on the hearing was expected to be made sometime this month.

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bill," the Senator reported.

"It was also said that by suspending action on this bill but not killing it outright would somehow constitute a threat to pressure Sea-Land to go through with its plans for service to Southeastern Alaska," Bartlett charged.

"First, one intent of the bill was to open a new route for transporting merchandise to and from Alaska. If it made sense to open a new route without Sea-Land service, it makes sense to do so with it," Bartlett said.

"Second, no one can make me believe that the 'threat' of this bill or passage of it would in any way affect Sea-Land's plans which have progressed to the point of setting a date for initiating service," Bartlett said.

"And finally and most importantly, the advent of Sea-Land service to Southeastern Alaska will do nothing for the little man, for the private citizen who wishes to transport his belongings from the lower 48 to Southeastern. Without a change in the law, he will still have to drive his trailer or what have you to get on the Alaska State Ferry; a drive which will cost him time, money; a drive which can be dangerous in winter and impossible at

Gov. Nods to Study . . .

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he said.

Rep. Hensley's concern in his letter to the Governor was the fact brought out by the Federal Field Committee that the native unemployment rate was "estimated to be an atrocious 60 per cent in Alaska."

Hensley wrote that the committee's study has already begun to bear fruit in the form of jobs for natives in the federal agencies and military establishments in Alaska.

"Were it not for the hiring of Natives by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare the Federal government would have shown itself to be highly discriminatory in its hiring practices—or at least, very unconcerned of the plight of the Natives," said the Kotzebue legislator.

As Governor Hickel discussed native hire, he drifted into the subject of a permanent atomic testing site in Alaska.

"We should try for a permanent testing site on mainland like at Pt. Lay," he said.

He said that Amchitka Island site was not on mainland and testing there might not prove conclusive.

When told that Pt. Lay area was one of the main fawning grounds for caribou in the Arctic, he said it could be some place else away from the fawning grounds. If an area was picked, transportation could be built to it and the area could be built up.

The Governor thought the permanent site would benefit the Arctic from an employment standpoint and indicated that local hire could be stressed.

"There are almost a thousand men employed on Amchitka Island and many of

WASHINGTON— Senator E. L. Bartlett issued a statement strongly criticizing a proposal that the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee "pigeon hole" a bill permitting persons shipping merchandise between the other states and Southeastern Alaska to use the Canadian ferry system.

"The suggestion for pigeon holing the bill came up after Sea-Land Service Inc. told the committee that it planned to institute weekly service to Southeastern Alaska," Bartlett said.

"For some reason that escapes me entirely, at least two Representatives at the meeting evidently thought Sea-Land's proposal relieved the need for the

Rep. William Hensley: "I agree it is a regressive tax. The people in my district earn very little money. Our people would have to hunt seals, probably for days, to get enough money to pay the tax."

Rep. Donald Young: "The recovery of Fairbanks is very important to the people in my district. The economy of Fairbanks is vital to them because many of them work there. They want its recovery. They're willing to help Fairbanks. I'm willing to vote for the bill."

Rep. Terry Miller: "The way the bill is written, it would tax everyone, residents and non-residents. It's not a hidden tax—it's there for everyone to see. This is not a business as usual. This is more than a unhappy tax. I will vote for passage."

Rep. Tom Balone: "Many of the people in my district make \$500 dollars a year or less and as the bill is written they, too, would have to pay \$10 dollars like the man who makes \$100 thousand dollars would pay his \$10 dollars."

Bartlett . . .

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follow the recommendations of the Field Committee, and there is no reason why this cannot be done, we can move far toward the esteemable goal of equal employment opportunity for federal jobs in Alaska."

Bartlett said that employment of natives in and out of government had long been one of his major interests. Because of that interest he had taken a special note of the field committee's report.

The Senator asked the secretaries of the departments to name representatives to meet with him to discuss the report.

"As far as I am concerned," he wrote, "there need be no time lost in this regard and I therefore request that the meeting be held at an early date."

Bartlett wrote the secretaries of Defense, Transportation, Commerce, Interior, Treasury and Health, Education, and Welfare and the Postmaster General.

The field committee study recommended all federal agencies:

To review their equal employment opportunity programs.

To modify those programs to bring about higher levels of native employment.

To establish target levels of minority employment by June 30.