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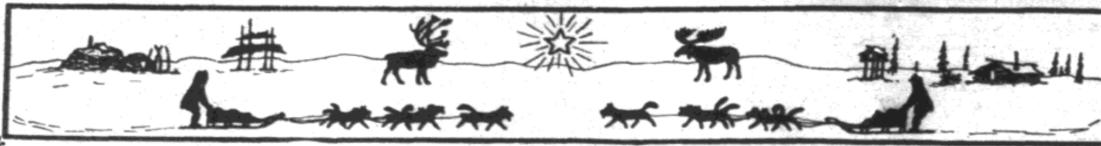
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## NORB SKINNER BLASTS SB152

### Former Legislator Says Bill Could Rob State Billion Dollars

The controversy around the SB-152 continues to rage and another voice against it was raised this week commenting on the competitive and noncompetitive leasing and how it might effect the future of the state and its people.

A so called "rotten lease bill" calling for the curtailing of competitive oil leasing in favor of non-competitive could rob the people of Alaska of from \$250-million to a billion dollars in revenues, a former state legislator told the Tundra Times this week.

Former State Rep. Norb Skinner said SB-152 would allow a few wealthy men and lease speculators—many of them outsiders—to fill their pockets at state expense.

"This bill has already earned the label rotten-lease-bill, and I think if it passed it probably would be the rottenest piece of legislation to pass our legislation in a quarter century," Skinner said.

Skinner said he has many times criticized Commissioner of Natural Resources Tom Kelly, but said that Kelly's action in withdrawing north slope lands in behalf of the people was "just plain right."

SB-152 would tie the Commissioner's hands in protecting the rights of the Alaska people in land leasing, he indicated.

The former legislator said he was not an expert on the complicated question of land claims, but said he felt that limiting the state's financial sources so severely would undoubtedly affect the claims question.

"I do know that these lease speculators, and little Fairbanks millionaires, do NOT want the land freeze lifted because it would bring an end to their wild speculation," he stated.

Skinner said state law provided that Kelly must withdraw the north slope tract in the name of the state, and that the land be

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### Sen. Jackson Sets Claims Hearings

The Office of Senator Ted Stevens announced yesterday that hearings on a native land claims bill will begin next month. Stevens was informed of this by Senator Henry Jackson, Chairman of the Senate Interior Committee, who intends to introduce the legislation.

Jackson has scheduled the hearings for April 29 and 30, by

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### Gravel, Notti Set Date for Job Conference

A massive assault on problems of Alaska's hard core unemployed was announced last week by Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska.

To spearhead the assault, Gravel said that a conference will be held in Anchorage next week on Mar. 31 and April 1, to map a program for moving Alaskans into oil-related jobs.

The job conference was jointly called by Sen. Gravel, Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, and executives of three major oil companies involved in operations on the North Slope.

"Work for our native people has been a major concern of AFN and we have gotten an on-the-job training contract to improve the situation," said Emil Notti in Fairbanks today.

"The conference called by the Senator and myself is just a natural followup of a concern that has been with us for some time," continued Notti. "The time is here when we must take

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## ASNA Atty. Pens Critique on Committee Recommendations

(Editor's Note: Frederick Paul, attorney for the Arctic Slope Native Association, wrote the following essay for the benefit of the ASNA members.)

By FREDERICK PAUL  
THE GAMBLE

"The preferred approach is

to make no grant of land in compensation but to provide roughly a 10 per cent share of the revenue income from all lands over a ten-year period with a ceiling of \$100 million in any one year." So recommends the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska. Ten times \$100 million equals one billion dollars; but does it? For this, we are to have all of

our lands expropriated to the United States (except for town-sites, homesites, fish camps, etc.)

To wrench ourselves away from our land—our beloved land—is something no one but us will ever understand.

But the theory is that if we are adequately paid, why should we complain? Under that hypothesis, our inquiry is: are we being

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### Justice Goldberg Meeting with AFN Board Next Week

Justice Arthur Goldberg will meet with the Alaska Federation of Natives governing body next week in Anchorage on March 28.

Justice Goldberg has been approached by the AFN to help the native people get a fair land settlement bill through Congress.

"The National and International stature and respect of Mr. Goldberg will certainly help us obtain a fair settlement," said Emil Notti today.

Notti is the president of the AFN. Notti said the officials of the organization were confident the Goldberg will accept the "natives" request to represent them on the land claims deliberations."

### Legislation Delay on Claims Concerns Pollock

Congressman Howard W. Pollock last week sent a letter to Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, expressing concern about the delay in introducing land claims legislation in Congress.

Pollock said that prior to the time any hearings are held before the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee it will be necessary for the Department of the Interior to submit a report to the committee on its position concerning the specific legislation.

"The preparation and sub-

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## Would Provide 300 Jobs— Pollock's Bill Would Permit Asbestos Mining by Exempting it from Freeze

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Howard W. Pollock (R-Alaska) will introduce a bill in the House of Representatives that could open the door for new industry for eastern Alaska.

Pollock's bill would permit mining claims to be filed on asbestos deposits in the Eagle area by specifically exempting asbestos from the terms of the land freeze.

Cassiar Asbestos Corporation, Ltd. of Toronto, Canada, has proposed an asbestos mining and manufacturing operation in the Eagle area which could provide between 250 and 300 jobs for Alaskans, Pollock said.

Cassiar now operates an asbestos mine in Canada at Clinton at the 40 mile River. Reserves for the Clinton operation are estimated at 101,000,000 tons. The Clinton plant is located 8½ miles

from the Alaska-Yukon border.

J.D. Christian, Cassiar president, told Pollock that if the asbestos deposits at Eagle prove large enough to justify development, the manufacturing would be done in the Eagle area.

The Canadian firm already has an agreement with one group which stakes asbestos claims in the Eagle area and is attempting with a second group, Christian told Pollock.

Under the terms of the land freeze invoked last December by former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, mining claims may be filed only for metal yielding minerals.

Asbestos does not fall into this classification. On February 18, the U.S. Geological Survey released information on asbestos discoveries in the Eagle area. A miners' staking rush followed the



HUMBLE ACCEPTANCE— "How could I handle these holy things?" Asked 30-year church reader at his Russian Orthodox Church, Gabriel Gabrielloff, at Russian Mission when asked by Bishop Theodosius to become an Eskimo priest. The third time was charm, however, and Gabrielloff became Father Gabriel when he was bestowed the priesthood by the Bishop in Sitka recently.

—BETZI WOODMAN Photograph

### Russian Orthodox Church Eskimo Reader Finally Vows Priesthood

(Special to the TUNDRA TIMES)  
By BETZI WOODMAN

When for a third time a Bishop of the Alaskan Russian Orthodox Church invited Gabriel P. Gabrielloff to become a priest, the 54-year-old Eskimo from Russian Mission-on-the-Yukon felt he must accept.

In previous years, when asked

by Bishops John and Amvrossy, Gabriel felt he was not worthy. Then, shortly after Christmas, came the third call. Theodosius, present Bishop of Alaska, called on Gabriel to enter the priesthood.

Although he has served as reader in his church for 30 years, Gabriel was overwhelmed.

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USGS report.

The asbestos appears to be of a commercial quality but the size of the deposit is not known, according to the USGS report.