

Villages Flooded—

More than \$500,000: Moore

How do you define a disaster and when do you declare it to be major?

When your home is standing three feet in water, your refrigerator is floating around, your year's food supply is ruined, the drinking water is contaminated, and your community's health is in danger, you would certainly call it a disaster, and you would feel pretty strongly that it is major.

Governments, however, rate disasters in terms of dollars: how many dollars worth of damage done. This is a clear-cut and acceptable distinction. If it's possible to get an estimate of damage that is anywhere near accurate.

The recent floods along the Yukon-Kuskokwim Rivers left a sad debris of problems and headaches. Extensive damage was done in the villages of Emmonak, Alakanuk, Anvik, and Napaskiak.

Initial estimates place the damage at \$500,000 and the Small Business Administration announced it would accept applications for disaster loan as-

sistance.

Rep. Martin Moore, D-Emmonak, said indications now are that the damage figure is much higher. Moore is requesting that the governor declare the flooded villages a major disaster area.

This declaration by the governor would open the way for federal assistance on a much larger scale. Moore is concerned that state funds and the amount available through SBA will not be adequate for rebuilding the area.

Moore said the original figures were based primarily on building damage and did not take into account, sidewalks that were destroyed, snow machines and outboard motors ruined, damage to the electrical distribution systems, loss of the game and food gathered all winter, and the outbreak of infections from health hazards that were created.

Moore introduced a bill into the House, urging the governor to recognize the full scope of the floods on the Yukon-Kuskokwim and bringing adequate relief to the people of that area.

Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

YOUR BIRTHDAY TODAY: Summer solstice comes today at 3:06 a. m. Eastern Daylight Time. Those born earlier are Geminians, those born later are Cancerians. In other years the hour and minute are different, for astronomic reasons. For all born on this date the coming year promises excitement, fresh beginnings, intense emotional fulfillment.

Aries [March 21-April 19]: Meet your fences as you go on with career effort. Opportunity is at hand; the idea is to recognize it and make full use of it.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]: You may have to move about and exert yourself. If you do this with good intentions, cooperation and cheerfulness are promised.

Gemini [May 21-June 21]: Working conditions are ready for more precise definition. There may be interesting developments in an old story—even a windfall of sorts.

Cancer [June 21-July 22]: Healthy self-interest includes some impulse buying, attention to your public image. You can unload a white elephant, if that's the problem.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Look back and see if you have missed anything. Get your background information together. Health-care courses are favored.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]: An early start in high humor brings you a reasonable day. You get out of it what you put into it, by and large. Be forthright.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: Financial moves yield less than promised, may be merely deferred. Pooled resources include consensus, agreement on what to do next.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: A brief stroke of moderate luck shouldn't be inflated, but does come in handy. Getting off to one side relieves tensions.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: For once you find yourself going nowhere. Visit shut-in friends, work alone on difficult chores which must done anyway.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]: Tending routine becomes difficult, is eased by sharing the work, taking a break for celebration of a special moment.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: Dealing with strangers, fresh connections, people of influence in your own fields of interest is indicated. New ground awaits exploration.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: Be receptive to new friends, meet experience you've not had yet. Today helps determine future directions in your life.

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20,000 Indian Blankets—

American Airlines Purchase Blankets

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Louis R. Bruce today announced that American Airlines will purchase 20,000 blankets manufactured from the wool of Navajo Indian sheep.

The blankets, made similar to the famed trade cloth imported from England, will bear a three-inch square label showing their origin and will be attested to by both Commissioner Bruce, a Mohawk-Sioux Indian, and Peter MacDonald, Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council.

That American Airlines passengers can huddle in the same material as Indians is the culmination of considerable effort on the part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Commissioner Bruce pointed out.

"The story really began in 1971, when the general wool market throughout the United States was the worst since the 1930's," the Commissioner explained. "Navajo wool, in particular, found no market. This hit the Navajo Indian Reservation hard, since 75 percent of all Navajos, whose reservation is the size of West Virginia, raise sheep."

A Bureau of Indian Affairs industrial development specialist, Irving Schwartz, was told to find a foreign or domestic outlet for the wool.

Schwartz searched diligently but nothing appeared to happen until he consulted a wool expert from New Mexico State University and found that Indian wool—despite an undeserved faulty reputation—really was high grade wool.

Its rating had come about because poor grades of wool were dumped with good grades

and strong winds had permeated it with dirt and weeds.

Schwartz then called for help from the Wool Manufacturers of Association of America. When asked whose wool did sell and why, that organization indicated that New Zealand wool found the best market because it was well-graded and packaged.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs then signed a contract with Wool Growers Warehouse, Inc., Casper, Wyoming, to bring equipment onto the Navajo Reservation to grade and bale Navajo wool and to teach Navajos to do their own grading and baling.

A Denver laboratory was asked to certify the grading.

The result was that the Navajos began to get three to four times more money for their wool than they had previously been offered.

The Bureau's industrial development specialist then negotiated with Fairbault Woolen Mill Co., Fairbault, Minnesota, to make trade cloth.

Trade cloth traditionally has a bright hard finish and rainbow stripes along the selvage (each edge of piece goods). Used by Indians as clothing and blankets, it has always been imported from England, never produced in this country.

Purchased by Indians since the earliest days of Indian-white relationships, the earliest versions are in museums.

It was again Irving Schwartz who showed samples of the Fairbault Indian wool cloth to the airlines and made the sale, Commissioner Bruce said.

Delivery of the blankets to American Airlines began June 1.

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In compliance with Title 23, U.S.C., the Commissioner of Highways has been requested to grant location and design approval for a highway improvement on Federal-aid secondary route 0412 between the village of Manokotak and the Manokotak Airport. The proposed improvement will begin at a landing on the Igushik River, extend generally southeasterly following existing street to an intersection with Second Street near the north corner of the school thence following Second Street generally northerly, to the edge of the village and then extend to a point near the south end of the Manokotak airstrip. The proposed improvement will consist of a 14 foot roadway with aggregate surfacing. There will be no control of access except as provided in the Alaska Administrative Code as it pertains to driveways. Preliminary plans and drawings and a Negative Declaration are available for public inspection at the Department of Highways District Office, 5700 Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska.

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