

LAND CLAIMS BILL INTRODUCED

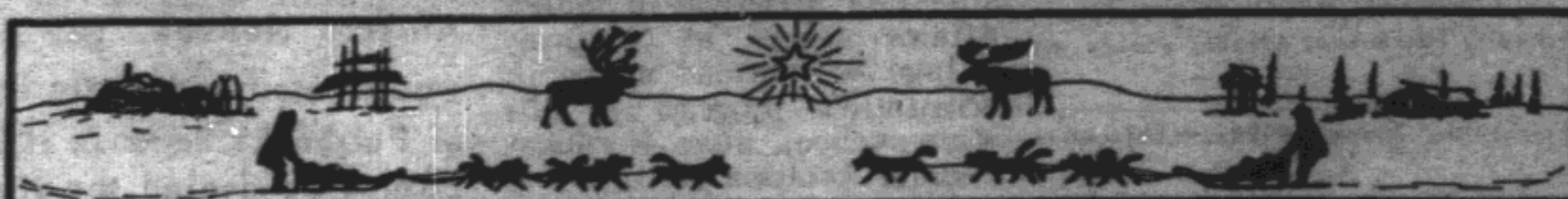
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Gruening Asks Early Hearings in Alaska

"Future" legislation by Congress, called for in 1884, got underway last Friday as Senator Ernest Gruening introduced the Alaska Native Land Claims bill.

The bill, drafted by Department of the Interior Undersecretary Charles Luce, has been referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and to its subcommittee on Indian Affairs.

Gruening requested that hearings be scheduled in Alaska as soon as possible so that citizens could give their views on the bill.

Major provisions of the bill are:

1. Each native community

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Lawyer Says Bill Should Count People, Not Acres

The Fairbanks earthquake last Wednesday was matched by rumbling reactions to the Alaska native land claims legislation.

"50,000 acres is not enough," Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, said in Anchorage. In many of the western and north slope areas, where natives were dependent on subsistence, 50,000 acres could not support a village.

They are counting acres

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DENNIS COMES HOME—Fifteen years after he was adopted by an Air Force family, Dennis Stover, 20, returns to Alaska with B.I.A. traveling art exhibit. —TUNDRA TIMES Photo

Anchorage Attorney Appointed



William Jacobs

Anchorage attorney William (Bill) Jacobs, 32, has been appointed director of the Alaska Legal Services Corp. He will oversee a \$362,422 program to provide attorneys and advice to persons who cannot afford legal fees.

The directorship remained vacant for nearly a year because of a \$15,000 Office of Economic Opportunity salary ceiling. The Legal Service board could not find a qualified attorney willing to serve at that price. Later, the state legislature agreed to supplement the salary by \$5,000, and five applications were received.

Jacobs was chosen in a 7 to 5 vote of the board. He was graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1961 and joined the Anchorage firm of Kay and Miller the following year. Later, he became a partner.

The board of directors is expected to meet shortly to

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES A BILL

To settle the land claims of Alaska Natives, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act of May 25, 1962 (44 Stat. 629; 48 U.S.C. 355(c)), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3 (a) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to grant in trust, subject to valid existing rights, to each tribe, band, clan, village, community, or group of Natives in Alaska, hereinafter referred to as a group of Natives, upon his own initiative and without application, title to the village site or sites now occupied by such group of Natives if not otherwise patented and if not withdrawn for purposes unrelated to Native use or the administration of Native affairs. The Secretary is further authorized, subject to valid existing rights, to grant title to such additional lands within the environs of such site

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Poignant Reunion Of Mother and Son

By SHEILA TURNER
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Dennis Stover, 20, knocked at the door of Mrs. Katherine Theodore of Eklutna two Saturdays ago. She opened it and stared at the slim young Athabascan facing her. Suddenly she started to tremble and sob. Could it be?

Yes. The young man, smartly dressed in the fashion of lower 48 students, said he was her son, Daniel Nikita, whom she had not seen in 15 years.

The boy had been adopted by an U.S. Air Force family when he was five and Mrs. Theodore had not seen him since. Though her only son,

she had given him up for adoption because of poverty and disease in her village of Knik.

Dennis left the state with his new parents, Master Sgt. and Mrs. Dolton B. Stover II, and traveled all over the world. He graduated from high school in Tokyo, Japan two years ago and enrolled in the New Mexico School of Arts and Crafts. When he heard a school exhibit was traveling to Anchorage for the centennial this summer, he applied for and received

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Editorial—

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Much dissatisfaction has been expressed in recent months over the constitution and leadership of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Both were established at an Anchorage meeting that could not be attended by many groups. As a result, many persons, both friend and foe, are attempting to discredit AFN completely. This dissention must delight those who would like to tune down the native voice so

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Varietyper Sets Bill Throughout Earth Tremors

Maybe it was an omen from heaven. At a few minutes before 8 a.m. Tundra Times varietyper, Betty Ragland, started to set the type for the land claims bill. Suddenly, the earth below started to shake. She went right on typing. Half way through section four, the building shook. This time she called her husband, Bill. "It's an earthquake," he informed her. "Don't worry about a

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Editorial—

Time for Thoughts and Deeds

The native land claims bill was introduced in Congress a week ago today marking the hour that finally struck after the interminable time of 83 years. That is a long period of time ever since the Act of May 17, 1884 when Congress made a declaration that the Alaska natives "shall not be disturbed in the possession of any lands actually in their use and occupation or now claimed by them, but the terms under which such persons may acquire title to such lands is reserved for future

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