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AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS TRANSFERRED

THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR ASSIGNMENTS WERE EFFECTED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY: JOHN B. LEECHDAI AD HQ TO CAC WK AND ROBERT A. MILLER CAC WK TO CAC VV.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR FORMER REGIONS IN UNCLE SUGAR: A. L. WICKING FX TO 3RD; RUSSELL L. MILLER FX TO 7TH; LUDWIG TOPHAM FX TO 5TH; DAVID E. YOUNGBERG KA TO 7TH; WALLACE E. MCGOLDEN LU TO 5TH; ROBERT D. WILLEN UW TO 5TH; ROBERT P. BROWNE ZZ TO 5TH; RUSSELL M. SEXTON YG TO 5TH; C. M. NORWARD YO TO 3RD; BERNIE F. JAMES HQ TO 5TH; VICTOR I. STEIN HJ TO 3RD; AUGUST L. SOUCIE PM TO 7TH; GUY M. SPRINGHETTI PH TO 5TH; ROBERT L. THOMAS ZZ TO 5TH AND JAMES N. ELDER WH TO 2ND.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS HAVE REPORTED FOR DUTY IN THIS REGION FROM UNCLE SUGAR: JERRY S. BAIN CF FROM 6TH; HERMAN BASSINGER TV FROM 6TH; ROBERT H. CRAIG AD FROM 1ST; JOHN H. CROFFORD OF FROM 3RD; ADRIAN G. GARDNER OF FROM 3RD; GEORGE CRENSH CF FROM 1ST; HAROLD E. GROW FX FROM 6TH; ROBERT HUBBARD OF FROM 3RD; NORMAN C. KRUIKE KZ FROM 3RD; EDMUND J. MOCESKI YG FROM 1ST; MILO T. NOVOTNY OF FROM 3RD; PHILLIP H. PEACOCK CF FROM 6TH; SINFORD PETERSON CF FROM 3RD; HENRY D. SCHROYER OF FROM 3RD; KEITH SCOTT CF FROM 3RD; HAROLD J. SHERMAN FX FROM 4TH; AUGUST P. VALENTINIC OF FROM 3RD; FRANK WEINRAUCH OF FROM 3RD; WILLARD C. WRIGHT OF FROM 3RD AND PETER M. VALOFF FX FROM 6TH.

MCCREE VISITS EIGHTH REGION

MR. R. D. MCCREE, THE EIGHTH REGION'S SPECIAL FRIEND IN WASHINGTON, D. C., IS PAYING US HIS FIRST VISIT SINCE LAST SUMMER. "MAC", WHOSE OFFICIAL TITLE IS ALASKA LIAISON OFFICER, IS ALWAYS READY TO HELP US OUT IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE, WHETHER BY PUSHING A DOCUMENT THROUGH THE LABYRINTH OF WASHINGTON OFFICES OR BY HELPING US FLY NO. 14 BACK HOME. WHENEVER MR. MCCREE HEARS FOR ALASKA, WE PUT THE FRINGE ON THE MELLOE MAT.

SADIE HAWKINS DANCE!!! OR (ALL MALES - BEWARE!!!)

FOR C. A. A. PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES ONLY. WE A NOUICE A LEAP YEAR DANCE WHEN AT US. LAST THE WOMEN OF THE C. A. A. HAVE THE UPPE HAND!!!

SINCE THIS IS A LEAP YEAR DANCE, NO MALE N ASK A GIRL TO THIS PARTY. GIRLS, IT'S UP YOU!! YOU MAY FEEL FREE TO ASK ANY MALE IN TH C. A. A. TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO THIS CLAM BAKE, I YOU MAY LONG UNATTACHED AND GRAB A MALE AT TH INQUEST!!!

IT'S A CHANCE FOUND ONLY ONCE EVERY FO YEARS, GIRLS - SO GET TO WORK ON THESE HESITAT MALES, FRONT!!!

MAKE SURE THAT HE WEARS HIS OLD CLOTHES, S HE'LL MATCH YOUR DAISY MAE OUTFIT - 'CAUSE TH IS A SADIE HAWKINS DANCE!!!

GIRLS WHO ARE ENGAGED TO MEN OUTSIDE TH ORGANIZATION AND WISH TO BRING THEM TO TH DANCE SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO RUTH ZIEL CHAIRMAN OF THE TICKET COMMITTEE, NO LATER TH FEBRUARY 28TH, IN ORDER TO BE ADMITTED. (YF MAY FIND RUTH IN ROOM NUMBER 240.)

FOLLOWING IS THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

DATE - FEBRUARY 29, 1944
TIME - 9:00 PM - ON
PLACE - COMMUNITY HALL

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ARE:

ERNEST E. WESCHENFELDER	- GENERAL CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS MAYER	- PUNCH
JOAN ANDERSON AND DON JULIUS	- ENTERTAINMENT
MARTIN RUSEY AND VIVIAN CHEVILLON	- POSTERS AND DECORATIONS
DICK STRYKER	- LIGHTING
CHARLOTTE ALDRIDGE	- ADVERTISING
RUTH ZIEL	- TICKET SALES
GEORGE PERINA	- TICKET TAKERS
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MORE FPHA HOUSES TO BE CONSTRUCTED FOR CAA

THOSE OF US WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING OUR HEADQUARTERS IN ANCHORAGE OR FAIRBANKS WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT RECENTLY, THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THIS OFFICE AND ACTION ON THE PART OF THE NATIONAL HOUSING AGENCY, IT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE, AND APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT 40 TWO-BEDROOM UNITS, 10 THREE-BEDROOM UNITS, AND 20 NO-BEDROOM UNITS IN ANCHORAGE AND 20 TWO-BEDROOM UNITS IN FAIRBANKS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOST RECENT DATA AVAILABLE THE HOUSES WILL BE OF THE DUPLEX TYPE, PROVIDING CONSIDERABLY MORE SIZE AND LIVEABILITY TO THE FLOOR PLAN.

THE NO-BEDROOM UNITS WILL BE IN A DORMITORY BUILDING, PROVIDING A COMBINATION LIVING ROOM, BEDROOM, KITCHENETTE AND BATH; IDEAL FOR TWO MEN OR TWO WOMEN.

THE CONTRACTS ARE TO BE LET SOMETIME IN MARCH FOR CONSTRUCTION AND IT IS EXPECTED THEY WILL BE COMPLETED AND READY FOR OCCUPANCY AROUND SEPTEMBER 1.

THE RENTS FOR THESE FACILITIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED - BUT WE ARE HOPING THEY WILL BE FAIR AND EQUITABLE.

REMEMBER THE FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE IS NOW IN PROGRESS AND OUR QUOTA IS 35% OF OUR SALARIES. IT IS HOPED THAT EACH AND EVERYONE OF US WILL BUY THE FULL QUOTA, OR MORE, DURING THE DRIVE. WE ARE ASKED ONLY TO LEND OUR MONEY - OTHERS ARE GIVING THEIR LIVES.

MARSHALL C. HOPPIN
REGIONAL MANAGER

"HUT-THAT'S-OUT-BEHIND"
C/O POSTMASTER
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

WHO WANTS TO SWAP WHAT?

DEAR MUKLUK:

SECTION 99 ARRIVED DESTINATION JANUARY 29 BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND 5:00 PM. CONSTRUCTION HAD PAVED THE WAY FOR US WITH A MODERN CCC BUILDING, INCLUDING ELECTRIC LIGHTS AND STEAM HEAT, AND TELEPHONES WERE INSTALLED IMMEDIATELY UPON OUR ARRIVAL. WE BROUGHT WITH US THE DESKS, CHAIRS, CABINETS AND HAY FROM OUR OLD HOME IN GOOD OLD 246, 247 AND 248 IN THE FEDERAL BUILDING, SO WE DON'T FEEL TOO FOREIGN IN THESE STRANGE SURROUNDINGS.

THE WEATHER HERE IS VERY MUCH THE SAME AS THAT IN THE OLD COUNTRY - A BIT WARMER, PERHAPS, BUT THERE'S THE SAME AMOUNT OF SNOW AND THE SKY LOOKS THE SAME. ALL IN ALL, IT ISN'T SO DIFFERENT.

JUST BEFORE WE MOVED OUT HERE, FRANK CERVENKA WAS RELIEVED OF HIS ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AND ASSIGNED TO THE FIELD TO INVESTIGATE SOME TECHNICAL PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH OUR INSTALLATION PROGRAM. HE IS SCHEDULED FOR REASSIGNMENT IN THE STATES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE SURELY MISS HIM, BUT WE'RE GLAD THAT HE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE TYPE OF WORK IN WHICH HE IS INTERESTED.

HERVEY ALDRIDGE IS TAKING HIS PLACE AS CHIEF OF THE RADIO ESTABLISHMENT UNIT. BUT WE SEE HIM LITTLE MORE THAN BEFORE, SINCE 95 IS SEPARATED IN SIX DIFFERENT ROOMS. IN FACT, WE PENN-UP PUSHERS DON'T SEE SO MUCH OF ANY OF THE WY-PITCHERS.

"FLYING-DUTCHMAN" HANSON HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY RELIEVED OF HIS LAUNDRY DUTIES AT HOME TO RESUME HIS WORK WITH THE CAA IN KODIAK.

BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU HEARD THAT OLE AND EDIE RUDE ARE THE PROUD PARENTS OF AN EIGHT POUND BABY GIRL? OLE CAME OUT WEARING A HUGE GRIN AND BRINGING US CANDY AND CIGARS. HE'S STILL BEAMING WITH PRIDE.

GARY HUGHES ALSO PASSED CANDY AND CIGARS IN HONOR OF THE CHRISTENING OF HIS GODCHILD, THE NEW RMS IN THE HENRIKSEN HOME AT HOMER.

ANOTHER ADDITION TO OUR HAPPY FAMILY - WE CERTAINLY WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS OUR NEW ADDITION TO THE STENOGRAPHIC HELP IN THE PERSON OF MARGARET REID, ORIGINALLY FROM THE CAA IN WASHINGTON D. C.

WE RECEIVED A VERY NEWSY LETTER FROM MARGE, BACK IN SECTION 95. I'LL QUOTE SOME OF THE GOSSIP DIRECTLY FROM HER LETTER:-

"BOB PHERRIN HAS RETURNED FROM OF VIA SX. SAYS HE LEFT HIS STOMACH SOMEWHERE ON THE HI-C'S BETWEEN THESE AFOREMENTIONED POINTS. BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE; BOB'S NO SISSY. EVEN THE SEASONED SAILORS ABOARD WORE A GREENISH TINGE.

"MR. RAY ANDERSON HAS SLIPPED EFFICIENTLY INTO HIS CHAIR BEHIND THE DESK IN 95, WHERE HE IS NOW ASST. ACTING CHIEF OF THE MAINTENANCE

A. P. McMONIGAL, THE SUMMIT CAC, OFFERS THE FOLLOWING INTERESTING SUGGESTION:

"MOVING ABOUT THE TERRITORY FOR THE CHARLIE ASLE ABLE (AS WE NOT TOO INFREQUENTLY DO), FROM THE HIGHER TO THE LOWER LATITUDES AND VICE VERSA, WE SOMETIMES (ALSO NOT TOO INFREQUENTLY) FIND OURSELVES WITH ARTICLES OF EQUIPMENT WE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE BEHIND, KNOWING THAT AT THE NEXT POST OF DUTY WE WILL HAVE LITTLE OR NO USE FOR THAT PARTICULAR ITEM. OR, ALTHOUGH ACTUALLY USEFUL, PERHAPS WE HAVE BECOME WEARY OF IT AND WOULD LIKE SOMETHING MORE INTERESTING. FOR INSTANCE: WHILE ON A SOUTHEASTERN ISLAND STATION, WHERE NO GAME LARGER THAN DEER ABOUNDS, I USED A LIGHT RIFLE, BUT IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY THE 'ANIMULES', I AM TOLD, GROW UP. CONSEQUENTLY, I WOULD HAPPILY (PERHAPS GLEEFULLY, ALTHOUGH IT REALLY IS A GOOD GUN, \$3.57!) NEGOTIATE FOR A HEAVY FIREARM, OR MEBBE A CAMERA - 'ER SUMPHTIN.

"AT ANY RATE, YOU SEE MY POINT. IT COULD HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED IN FEWER WORDS BUT, FOR THE MOMENT, I FELT LIKE EXPANDING. SO, FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, MAY I SUGGEST YOU INITIATE A SWAP AND BARTER COLUMN IN OUR PAPER?

"FOR TEST PURPOSES, I HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED OF SUCH A COLUMN TO VARIOUS COMMUNICATORS, WHO DECLARED THAT THEY WOULD BE FIRST TO MAKE USE OF ITS MEDIUM TO TRADE 'WHITE ELEPHANTS'."

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA, DOESN'T IT? SEND IN YOUR SWAP AND BARTER ITEMS TO THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH, REFERENCE NO. 44, CAA, BOX 440, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.

UNIT. MR. ANDERSON DOESN'T SEEM TO OBJECT TO THE 'LACK OF PERSONAL TOUCH', AS HE KEEPS THE STENOS BUSY WITH DICTAPHONE CYLINDERS.

"WILLIAM PEGUES (PRONOUNCED 'PEG-EE') WILL SOON MOVE TO PM AS RMS, REPLACING J. A. HULZENBERG, WHO WILL COME TO HQ AS MAINTENANCE INSPECTOR.

IN MR. BURTON CARR'S COLLECTION OF ALASKAN CURIOS HE HAS A MASTODON'S TOOTH WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY SEVEN POUNDS, WITH A CHEWING SURFACE OF ABOUT EIGHT INCHES LONG BY FOUR INCHES ACROSS. IMAGINE A WHOLE MOUTH OF THESE!

"MR. LIVINGSTON ALMOST JUMPS THE CLOCK THESE DAYS TO GET HOME TO LUNCH. HE DOESN'T HAVE TO COOK IT HIMSELF SINCE MRS. LIVINGSTON RETURNED TO ANCHORAGE FEBRUARY 2ND AFTER AN EXTENDED VISIT IN TEXAS."

WELL, MUKLUK, THIS SEEMS TO BE ALL THE NEWS THIS MONTH. BE SURE TO ENCOURAGE ALL THE GUYS AND GALS BACK IN THE FEDERAL BUILDING TO COME OUT AND VISIT US, FOR IT DOES GET A BIT LONELY WITHOUT THE OLD GANG DROPPING IN TO TELL US ALL ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING.

SO LONG FOR NOW,

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A GAZE INTO THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CRYSTAL BALL

NOW THAT THE TWO CLASSES IN FLIGHT COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING ARE COMPLETED AND ALL OF THE CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS ARE RETURNED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE STATIONS, THEY ARE PREPARED TO INAUGURATE AN INTENSIFIED TRAINING COURSE ON FLIGHT COMMUNICATIONS MATERIAL FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL WHO WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE ANCHORAGE TRAINING CENTER. IT IS BELIEVED THAT A MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN OUR SERVICE TO AIRMEN WILL SOON BECOME APPARENT AS A RESULT OF OUR "HIGHER" EDUCATION.

ALREADY THE DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION TO AIRCRAFT HAS INCREASED SEVERAL HUNDRED PERCENT. CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IS DISPLAYED IN THIS SERVICE BY THE MAJORITY OF STATION PERSONNEL AS EVIDENCED BY MANY EXCELLENT SUGGESTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION OF THIS VITAL SERVICE.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS WHO ATTENDED THE FLIGHT COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CLASSES IN ANCHORAGE ARE NOW BEING ANALYZED, AND IT IS HOPED THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO PUT INTO EFFECT SOME OF THE IDEAS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

WE IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE SPLENDID COOPERATION AND INTEREST SHOWN BY ALL WHO ATTENDED THE CLASSES AND THE CONFERENCE THAT FOLLOWED. IN FACT, WE FEEL THAT THE ENTIRE PROJECT PLUS THE OPPORTUNITY IT PRESENTED FOR THE DISCUSSION OF OUR MUTUAL PROBLEMS WAS WELL WORTHWHILE, AND ONE THAT SHOULD BE REPEATED ANNUALLY.

G. A. WHITTAKER
ACTING CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

SINCE THE QMO HAS RELIEVED US OF OUR UNWEL-
COME MONITORING DUTIES, I RECKON AS HOW WE ARE
ON SPEAKING TERMS WITH YOU FOLKS AGAIN. HOWDY,
EVERYBODY.

I HATE LIKE THE VERY DEVIL TO DIG UP CHRIST-
MAS AGAIN, IT HAVING BEEN LAID AWAY SO NICELY,
AND I DO MEAN LAID AWAY. IT SURE WAS DEAD HERE.
HOWEVER, IF I DON'T DIG UP CHRISTMAS NEWS,
THERE JUST AIN'T ANY. SO BUCKLE IN YOUR FALSE
SET AND HOLD TIGHT.

FIRST OFF, OUR DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS DINNERS
ARE STILL FLOATING AROUND UP HERE IN THE GREAT
FROZEN NORTH WITH NC 18. WONDER WHEN OUR BABY'S
COMING HOME?

IN ALL SERIOUSNESS, WE WANT TO EXTEND PUB-
LICLY THE SINCERE THANKS OF OUR BACHELORS AT WH
TO ALL THE FAMILIES HERE FOR THEIR MANY AND
DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS. WE PARTOOK
OF ALL WITHIN OUR HUMAN CAPACITY, AND COULD NOT
POSSIBLY MAKE THEM ALL. WE FEEL SURE THAT THIS
SITUATION WAS REPEATED IN OUR REGION WHEREVER
THERE ARE FAMILY AND BACHELOR QUARTERS LOCATED.
IT WAS SWELL OF THEM TO TAKE US INTO THEIR FAM-
ILIES FOR SUCH A PLEASANT TIME, WASN'T IT, FEL-
LQWS?

THESE WIDE GRINS ONE SEES ABOUT THE SHACK
NOWADAYS ARE DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF THE MAINTEN-
ANCE DEPARTMENT AND THE ABLE AND WELCOMED
ASSISTANCE OF MR. SWAIN FROM THE RO. WE HAD
BEEN ON THE AIR - ? - WITH A ONE LUNG MODEL T
PEASHOOTING TRANSMITTER SO LONG THAT IT BECAME
SECOND NATURE FOR US TO REPEAT EVERY TRANSMIS-
SION AT LEAST FOUR OR FIVE TIMES BEFORE WE
COULD FEEL THAT IT HAD EVEN LEFT THE ANTENNAS.
THE EFFECT ON OUR DAILY LIVES WAS GRADUALLY BUT
SURELY PLACING US IN THE LIST OF SOCIAL OUT-
CAST. ONE DOESN'T LIKE TO CONVERSE WITH A PER-
SON THAT REPEATS EVERY UTTERED WORD FOUR TIMES.
TALK ABOUT YOUR CHATTER - IN COMPARISON, THE
TOBACCO AUCTIONEER WAS A DEAF MUTE. NOW - OH
JOY, OH JOY - WE HAVE THREE TRANSMITTERS. AND
WE DON'T GET THOSE QMO FROM THE GUYS AND GALS
ON 303. IT IS INDEED A JOY TO BE ONCE AGAIN
COUNTED AMONG THE LIVING.

WHEN A GUY HAS LOST ALL INTEREST IN PERSONAL
MAIL AND STARTS HAUNTING HELL OUT OF THE OFFI-
CIAL MAIL SACK, PESTERING THE CODING OFFICER,
HURRYING THE ACS OFFICE AND NAGGING THE MAIL
MEN, HE IS, IN ALL PROBABILITY, LOOKING FOR HIS
TRAVEL ORDERS BACK TO DEAR UNCLE SUGAR. WE'VE
GOT ONE HERE - AND IS HE EVER IN AN OFFICIAL
MAIL COMA! HE HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR THREE MONTHS
NOW, AND HOPES TO SOON HIT THE JACKPOT. THEN
IT WILL BE HOMEMARD BOUND TO THOSE LOVING
WRITING ARMS. HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE
FAMOUS MOLASSES IN JANUARY IS FLASH GORDON IN
COMPARISON TO THE ARRIVAL OF THOSE TRAVEL
ORDERS.

P. S. TO THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: WHY
NOT PUT TWO RECEIVERS ON EACH CW CHANNEL? THEN
WE COULD GET TWO TIMES AS MUCH QRM, QRN,
AND IT WOULD ALLOW US TO NOT HEAR TWICE AS
MANY SIGNALS AS WE DON'T HEAR WITH JUST ONE
RECEIVER.

A FEW OF YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF SHEEP MOUN-
TAIN - CERTAINLY NOT ON THE CIRCUIT. TO MY
KNOWLEDGE, OUR SIGNALS HAVE NEVER GOTTEN BEYOND
HQ OR XV, EXCEPT THE FIRST NIGHT A NERVOUS
TRAINEE WAS ON WATCH. EVERY TIME THAT TRAINEE
UTTERED A DIT THE WHOLE CIRCUIT YELLED DITTY
DUM DUM DITTY. SURE A LOT OF LIDS ON THAT
NIGHT.

IT WAS NAMED SHEEP MOUNTAIN MAINLY BECAUSE
IT HAS NOTHING IN COMMON WITH SEA LEVEL AND
BECAUSE OF THE WOOLLY INHABITANTS WHICH, INCID-
DENTALLY, IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO DO ANYTHING
ABOUT. WHEN YOU GO OUTSIDE YOU GO UP OR DOWN,
NEVER OVER. WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE GOING VISITING,
YOU EITHER GO UP A FEW FEET TO THE BACHELORS'
QUARTERS OR DOWN A FEW FEET TO THE FAMILY QUAR-
TERS. THE ONLY OTHER PLACE IS THE STATION, AND
ONE GOES THERE ONLY WHEN ONE HAS TO. BUT THEN,
IT'S NOT SO BAD; OFFHAND I CAN'T THINK OF ANY
PLACE I'D RATHER BE.

THE POPULATION IS FIVE, NAMELY: THE PRE,
ONE ON WATCH, ONE SLEEPING AND ONE TAKING CARE
OF THE BABY. NOT EVEN ENOUGH FOR A GOOD GAME
OF POKER, ALTHOUGH MOST EVENINGS EVERYONE EX-
CEPT THE POOR GUY ON WATCH CONGREGATES FOR SOME
WICKED PINOCHLE. WE ARE WONDERING HOW LONG IT
WILL BE BEFORE THE BABY CAN PLAY PINOCHLE -
SURE NEED ANOTHER HAND.

WHILE OUR QIC IS AT HQ ABSORBING KNOWLEDGE
(OR WHATEVER IT IS THEY ABSORB) ERAC BILLIE
CHANDLER IS WITH US. SHE'S A LOSING PROPOSIT-
TION; HER PINOCHLE WINNINGS WILL PROBABLY CAN-
CEL HER BOARD BILL, AND THEN SOME.

.... NOW I'LL CHIME IN. INCIDENTALLY, I
HAVE ONLY A CARTON OF CIGARETTES TO SHOW FOR
THOSE BIG WINNINGS, BUT GIVE ME TIME. IT MUST
BE THE ALTITUDE, BECAUSE AT SEA LEVEL I ALWAYS
LOSE (AT PINOCHLE). DON'T CRINGE, I'M NOT
GOING TO WRITE ANY MORE POETRY - OR WAS IT?
COME UP AND SEE US SOMETIME IF YOU'RE SWIFT,
AND WE WON'T GET YOUR GOAT. LIVIN' SHEER, SHEEP
HERE; THERSH NO PLAYSH TO SPEND YOUR MONEY.

PCME (MORE FROM WH)

POEMS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY THE REAM
CONCERNING JACK, THE CAA'S DREAM.
AS PILOT! GO HE IS THE BEST;
WITH FLY'NG COLORS HE HAS PASSED THE TEST.

BUT WITH ALL THE WORK AND THINGS TO DO
I THINK IT MEAN, AND I LEAVE IT TO YOU,
FOR JACK TO BE OFF IN TEXAS LAND,
AND POOR JIA WITHOUT A HELPING HAND.

FLYING HERE AND THERE, ALWAYS ON THE RUN,
TRYING TO GET THE DELIVERY WORK DONE,
WITH CHRISTMAS NIGH, POOR JIM FLIES
DAY AND NIGHT, DELIVERING XMAS SUPPLIES.

SO I RAISE MY GLASS FILLED WITH GOOD CHEER -
THAT HARD-TO-GET STUFF THEY USED TO CALL BEER -
TO JIM - HE'S THE PRINCE AND JACK'S A JERK!
BUT JIM, WHERE IN THE HELL IS OUR CHRISTMAS
TURKI ADIOC SOAKS,
JONESY

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE ARTICLES ON THIS PAGE AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FX AND JS WERE RECEIVED A
COUPLE OF DAYS TOO LATE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE JANUARY ISSUE. MORE NEWS FROM SG ON PAGE 7.

NOW THAT NEW YEAR'S DAY HAS COME AND GONE AND THE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AND PROMPTLY FORGOTTEN, WE HASTEN TO GRASP A CHANCE IN AN HONEST ATTEMPT TO CARRY THROUGH AT LEAST ONE - NAMELY, THAT OF RESOLVING TO SEND A WORTHY ITEM TO THE MUKLUK.

SINCE THIS PARAGRAPH WILL LIKELY BE THE FIRST ONE THROWN OUT, WE WILL BEGIN WITH AN APPEAL FOR THE CENTRAL MONITORING UNIT. A COUPLE OF LOCAL OPERATORS WERE HEARD DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITIES OF A SWAP WITH YOU. THEY ARE WILLING TO TRADE - EVEN UP, NO STRINGS ATTACHED AND PREPAID - SOME OF THOSE DISCREPANCIES RECEIVED A FEW MONTHS AGO FOR ENTERING A DOUBLE DASH PRECEDING AND FOLLOWING A WEATHER REPORT FOR THOSE THEY ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE FOR FORGETTING TO ENTER SOME DASH NOW THAT PROCEDURES ARE REVERSED. DIREP ANY EIGHTH REGION STATION.

YOU WHO ARE PRONE TO BELIEVE RUMORS CONCERNING THE GENERAL FRICTION BETWEEN MAINTENANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS COULD TAKE A TIP FROM A RECENT INCIDENT AT JIG SUGAR. ONE OF THE TRANSMITTERS WAS NOT OPERATING QUITE UP TO PAR, AND RMS "STONEWALL" "OFF-THE-ROAD" JACKSON SPENT ONE ENTIRE NIGHT SITTING IN FRONT OF IT IN ORDER TO BE RIGHT ON HAND AT THE FIRST FLICKER OF SOMETHING AMISS. BOYS, THAT'S COOPERATION! IT'S EITHER COOPERATION OR LAZINESS. BEING IT WAS A COLD NIGHT TO WALK HOME AGAIN, WE PRIVATELY HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT WHICH. BUT, FOR THE RECORD, WE CALL IT COOPERATION.

THE MONICKER - OH, THAT. WELL, PRIMARILY, WE MUST HAVE SOME WAY TO DISTINGUISH HIM FROM "PLAN THE FLIGHT" JACKSON AND ANY OF THE OTHER JACKSONS AROUND THE TERRITORY, AND OUR ESTEEMED RMS' INABILITY TO KEEP A CAR IN THE CENTER OF THE ROAD HAS EARNED HIM THE TITLE. AH, AH! NO, NOT WHAT YOU THINK! NOT INEBRIATED, JUST DELIBERATELY RUNS INTO THE DITCH. THINGS HAVE COME TO SUCH A STATE THAT WHEN HE LEAVES CAMP WITH THE TRUCK SOMEONE ELSE FOLLOWS WITH THE CAT.

WE HEAR CAC LARRY LAWTON IS DUE TO RETURN TO JIG SUGAR ONE OF THESE FINE DAYS WITH ALL THE LATEST DOPE ON AIR NAVIGATION AND METEOROLOGY AND ASSOCIATED SUBJECTS, PLUS, WE HOPE, A LITTLE GOSSIP ON THE REST OF THE EIGHTH REGION, SUCH AS MAY BE CLEANED HERE AND THERE IN ESTABLISHMENTS DISPENSING OTHER THAN METEOROLOGY. HOWEVER, IF WE SEE HIM RETURN AT THE CONTROLS OF ONE EIGHT, WILL CONCLUDE THAT MUST BE THE CLEAR GOODS THEY'RE DISHING UP THERE AND WILL EVEN DIG INTO THOSE.....THOSE BOOKS OURSELVES.

WHEREVER THE WESTOVERS ARE "HANGING OUT" AT PRESENT, WE WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THEM "HELLO" FROM THE GANG AT KENAI.

HAVE SPENT QUITE SOME TIME, IN THE STUDY OF VARIOUS TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, BUT DUE TO MATHEMATICAL DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED HAVE NOT PROGRESSED FARTHER THAN THREE RINGS, WITH TWO RINGS GETTING MOST ANYTHING, AS WITNESSED BY TRAVELING MECHANIC BILL PECK. ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION WITH SQM NICHOLS, HE WAS QUITE ASTOUNDED WHEN SOME SUDDENLY DROPPED DOWN ON ALL FOURS, HEAD ON FLOOR, TALKING, OBVIOUSLY, TO THE CORNER. "YEAH, YEAH, DID, EH? OK. BE RIGHT DOWN." AFTER SINGLERLY PULLING NICHOLS INTO AN UPRIGHT POSITION (WONDERING WHETHER STRAIT JACKET OR

ENGINEERING DATA UNIT IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE ADDITION OF A NEW MEMBER TO ITS STAFF. HER NAME IS MRS. AGNES UMBS, AND SHE COMES TO US FROM MAIL AND FILES. BESIDES BEING A GOOD WORKER AND HAVING A VERY PLEASANT PERSONALITY, AGNES IS A SUPER COOK, AND SHE KEEPS US SUPPLIED WITH HOMEMADE BREAD, COOKIES, ROLLS, ETC. SHE HAS US SPOILED ALREADY, AND WE LOVE IT.

THE STAFF OF UNIT 54 WAS RECENTLY DRASTICALLY REDUCED BY THE CURRENT EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES. FIRST, JANE HAFLING WAS CONFINED TO HER HOME TO TAKE CARE OF A VERY SPOTTED YOUNG SON, AND BEFORE SHE COULD GET BACK, HELENA KING JOINED THE "POLKA DOT BRIGADE". AT HER AGE, TOO! SHE KNOWS NOW WHY PEOPLE USUALLY GET THE MEASLES OVER WITH AT AN EARLY AGE, AND RECOMMENDS A GOOD COLD OR A BROKEN LEG AS MORE INTERESTING. MEASLES ARE BORING.

THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE EXTRA TABLE IN ROOM 214 IS FOR THE STEADYING SUPPORT OF SCALE-USERS, IN ORDER TO DISCOURAGE FINGERPRINTS ON THE NEWLY PAINTED WALLS, BUT ACTUALLY IT IS FOR THE USE OF VISITING ENGINEERS WHO ARE DELVING INTO THE MYSTERIES OF OUR LEDGERS THESE DAYS.

SPECIAL NOTE TO FRANCES FARRELL IN WASHINGTON: MR. MCCREE DELIVERED YOUR MESSAGE, AND I AM NOT A HEEL! BETTER CHECK WITH THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT FOR MISSING ANNOUNCEMENTS. H. M. K.

MERE DASH OF COLD WATER WOULD BE APPLICABLE TO (SITUATION) PECK DISCOVERED THAT THE SUSPICIOUS APPEARING GADGET WAS MERELY A MAKESHIFT TELEPHONE. PATENT PENDING.

ON THE BASIS OF THE THEORY THAT THE WEEKLY MAIL TRIP CONSTITUTES THE ULTIMATE IN EXCITEMENT, CHRISTMAS EVE GOES DOWN IN THE HISTORY OF THIS LOCALITY AS THE DAY OF THE YEAR 1943. WITH ANCHORAGE TAKING THAT DAY TO BE ALL FOGGED IN, LITTLE KENAI WAS BOOM TOWN FOR A DAY. DEFINITE COUNT OF THE NUMBER OF PLANES ON THE FIELD IS NOT GIVEN, DUE TO IMPENDING CENSORSHIP AND THE FACT THAT THE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER LOST TRACK AFTER 10, THE TEMPERATURE BEING TOO LOW TO PERMIT BAREFOOT ATTIRE.

NEEDED TO SAY, THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS WAS TOO GREAT TO BE ACCOMMODATED BY THE LOCAL ROADHOUSE, CAA DID WHOEVER ELSE OFFERED BEDS TO THE TRAVELERS. THE PASSENGERS THEREUPON DECIDED THAT IF THEY HAD TO STAY UP ALL NIGHT THEY MIGHT AS WELL HAVE A GOOD TIME DOING IT, AND SPENT THE NIGHT DANCING AT JOE'S PLACE. WE WISH THOSE PILOTS WHO STAYED WITH US TO KNOW THAT WE SINCERELY ENJOYED THEIR COMPANY AND THAT ANY TIME ANCHORAGE CLOSES IN WILL BE "HAPPY DAZE" AT KENAI.

RECENT PERSONNEL ADDITIONS AT JIG SUGAR INCLUDE MR. AND MRS. EDWIN MCDADE FROM LOUGHEAVEN, WASHINGTON AND RALPH SCHUYLER OF BOZEMAN, MONTANA.

FORTUNATELY, WE CANNOT SEE YOUR BORED EXPRESSIONS, BUT THIS COLLECTION OF TYPING ERRORS TELLS US 'TIS TIME TO QUIT. SO UNTIL NEXT TIMEDIT DAH DIT DAH DIT.

ALTHOUGH WE STARTED THE BALL ROLLING LAST DECEMBER, OR LAST YEAR (THAT SOUNDS BETTER AND MAKES THE STATION SEEM OLDER), WE DON'T FEEL AS THOUGH WE ARE OFFICIALLY OPENED UP UNTIL WE ENTER OUR MUK IN THE MUKLUK, THE WORTHY PUBLICATION THAT SHOULD BRING THE CAA THE NOBEL PRIZE - OR EVEN RIPE TOMATOES WOULD GO OK IN ALASKA.

OUR OIC, ARLEY EVANS, IS SMOKING MORE BIG "CEEGARS" THAN USUAL BECAUSE OF THE TRAINEES HE HAS TO PUT UP WITH, BUT WE HAVE HOPES LIKE ALL THE OTHER DOPES. MRS. EVANS, RECENT ARRIVAL FROM BIORKA, MAKES THE GANG COMPLETE. THE MERTENS, ALL OF THEM - YES, THE TWINS ARE FINE - AND RUSSEL FULGHAM AND MARC MASON, OUR NEW TRAINEES, COMPLETE THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH. CLIFF HYATT IS OUR RMS AND IS RECOVERING NICELY FROM THE RECENT EXPOSURE INCURRED WHILE ATOP THE BEACON AT FIFTY BELOW.

CHARLIE ELLIOT, OUR SGM, NEARLY LOST HIS SCALP THE OTHER DAY, WHEN OUT ON THE LITTLE CAT, LIZY. HE WAS DRAGGING THE RUNWAYS WHEN A PLANE JUST ABOUT MADE A BALDY OUT OF HIM, BY SWOOPING DOWN LOW OVER THE KITTY.

ONE OF THE OTHER PERSONNEL LOOKED RATHER FUNNY, TOO, WHEN SEEN ON THE BUSY MAIN STREET OF NENANA, VIEWING A LOW SWEEPING PLANE, ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES WITH A DOZEN RARE EGGS FORMING SLIMY PATTERNS OF WHITE AND YELLOW ON THE SIDEWALK. FIVE CRACKED OBJECTS WERE REDEEMED AND PROMPTLY BORROWED.

A FEW OF THE REST OF US FELT KIND OF SILLY WHEN, DEEP IN THE THROES OF NAVIGATION, IT WAS FOUND THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW THE MAGNETIC VARIATION OF NG. OH WELL, LIVE AND LET LIVE AND REMEMBER WHAT YOU READ. THERE'S NOTHING LIKE TRYING TO FIGURE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAGNETIC DEVIATION AND MAGNETIC VARIATION AND COPY A KCAÄ AT THE SAME TIME. HOW TO GO NUTS IN ONE EASY LESSON.

COME NEXT SPRING, WE WILL GET ALL THE OLD-TIMERS' PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE ICE POOL AND LET YOUSE GUYS AND GALS KNOW THE DOPE, WHAT WE CAN GET, ON WHAT'S GOING TO BUST LOOSE AROUND HERE.

WE ALL WERE ABOUT TO POP OUR VEST BUTTONS AND STUFF WHEN JOE TIPPETS SAID WE HAD A CLEAN LITTLE STATION. WE DON'T KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED, BUT THINGS WERE IN PRETTY FAIR SHAPE THAT BRIGHT AND SHINING DAY, AND EVER SINCE THE FLOOR WAXERS, WINDOW WASHERS AND DUSTERS, ALL ALIAS OPERATORS, HAVE BEEN SEEN WITH HALOS AROUND THEIR HEADS.

THE MAIN OBJECT OF DANGER AROUND HERE IS THE CHAIR THE OPERATOR SITS IN. WHEN ONE IS REACHING FRANTICALLY TO TUNE A RECEIVER, THE CHAIR'S CHAIR CASTORS ROLL MERRILY OUT ON THE FLOOR, AND ONE FINDS HIMSELF SPRAWLING GRACEFULLY ON THE DECK. BY THE TIME YOU ARE THROUGH CUSSING AND PUTTING THINGS BACK TOGETHER, SOME MORE CW HAS FLOWN THROUGH THE BLANK SPACE BETWEEN THE THINGS THAT HOLD SPECTACLES UP, IF YOU HAVE ANY.

SOMETIMES WE WONDER IF WE ARE COMING OR

AFTER A RECENT TERRIFIC SNOWSTORM ONE OF OUR BACHELORS WAS SEEN DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF THE MAILBOX STABBING ABOUT THE DRIFTS IN SEARCH OF SAME. AFTER QUITE AN INTENSIVE SEARCH, SAID BOX WAS FOUND AND ITS CONTENTS RESCUED, BUT THERE WAS A DIRE LOOK OF DISAPPOINTMENT ON HIS FACE WHEN THE MAIL WAS FINALLY DISTRIBUTED. HE MUTTERED SOMETHING ABOUT "BEING AWAY TOO LONG" AND "WONDER WHAT THE OTHER GUY LOOKS LIKE". INDEED, HE WAS A VERY DOWNHEARTED SOUL UNTIL YEAH OLE MUKTEL WAS UNearthED. THEN, LO AND BEHOLD! THAT SAD LOOK SOON DISAPPEARED AND HIS FACE BEAMED AS HE SAT DOWN TO READ THE MUKLUK.

IT ISN'T OFTEN THAT WE HAVE VISITORS AT SHEEP MOUNTAIN, BUT WHEN THEY DO COME IT SEEMS THAT THEY ALL COME AT ONCE. JUST THE OTHER NIGHT OUR POPULATION WAS TEMPORARILY TRIPLED WHEN THE OCCUPANTS OF TWO TRUCKS, ONE COMING FROM AND THE OTHER GOING TO TANACROSS, MADE SHEEP MOUNTAIN THEIR STOPOVER. ABOUT THE TIME SUPPER WAS READY, WE WERE SURPRISED TO SEE A STRANGER STAGGER IN THE DOOR. AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF FORMALITIES HE TOLD US HOW HE AND TWO PASSENGERS BECAME STRANDED WHEN THEIR CAR RAN OFF THE HIGHWAY ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN MILES FROM OUR STATION. SEEING OUR LIGHTS, HE HAD WALKED THROUGH DRIFTS AND AGAINST A STRONG GALE TO GET HELP. EVER READY AND WILLING ROY ANDERSON WAS DELEGATED TO RUSH TO THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT AND RESCUE THE PASSENGERS. AN HOUR OR SO LATER ROY CAME BACK AND MUTTERED SOMETHING ABOUT THE ARC HAVING TO COME ALONG AT THE WRONG TIME AND HELP THEM OUT. ALL THIS FROM ROY WAS RATHER PUZZLING UNTIL HE TOLD US THAT ONE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PASSENGERS WAS A PRETTY YOUNG MAIDEN. AH ME! HOPE YOU CAUGHT UP WITH THEM; ROY, AND IF NOT, BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME.

SHEEP MOUNTAIN IS UNDERGOING A TURNOVER IN PERSONNEL AT THIS TIME. WITH THIS EDITION WE WELCOME OUR NEW RMS, JAMES WHITNEY. WHENEVER SOMEONE NEW COMES, IT MEANS THAT SOMEONE IS LEAVING, AND SO WE REGRETFULLY SAY "GOOD-BYE" TO JOHN CONNORSON, WHO IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO FX AS PRE. WE'LL MISS YOU, JOHNNIE, AND ALSO THOSE GOOD OLD "SOURDOUGHS" OF YOURS, BUT WE HOPE YOU'LL LIKE FX.

ALSO AWAITING TRANSFER IS LARRY SAHLS, C/O, WHOSE NEW QRA WILL BE HQ. LARRY IS ON THE WAY TO EARNING HIS "WINGS" AND HAS HOPES OF SOMEDAY BECOMING A FULL-PLEDGED PILOT.

AND SO, LADS AND LASSIES, UNTIL SOME OTHER TIME, GOODBYE!

THE FLY CATCHER

GOING WHEN WE HEAR A PILOT CALL FX AFTER WE'VE JUST RECEIVED A FLIGHT PLAN WITH NORDO ON THE END FROM 12.

WE STILL WONDER WHAT BECOMES OF THE OVERTIME CHECKS WHEN YOU SLAVE 56 HOURS A WEEK.

THAT'S ALL THE NEWS FOR NOW. LET'S HOPE SOMETHING HAIR-RAISING HAPPENS, SO WE CAN COMPOSE (?) SOME MORE DITHER IN THE FUTURE.

STATION MOTTO: THE WAGES OF SIN IS BREATH.

DON'T SHOOT THE BREEZE ON THE TELETYPES OR RADIO CIRCUITS! TAKE A LESSON FROM ONE OF OUR BRAND NEW FEMALE OPERATORS WHO RECENTLY INDULGED IN A LITTLE UNOFFICIAL CONVERSATION ON A TELETYPE FROM HERE TO A NEARBY ARMY STATION. NEXT EVENING A MAN IN OLIVE DRAB SHOWED UP AT THE COMMUNICATION CENTER, ADVISED THE SUPERVISOR HE WAS FROM AN ARMY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM CONNECTED WITH OURS AND DEMANDED TO KNOW WHERE WAS HIS "GOD GOD" WHO HAD PROMISED HIM A DATE VIA TELETYPE THE PREVIOUS EVENING. TO MAKE IT SHORT, "GOD GOD" HAD A HELLUVA TIME GETTING RID OF HIM AND STILL THINKS HER LUCKY STARS THAT HER SPOUSE HAPPENED TO NOT BE ON DUTY AT THE TIME.

IT'S A LADY MARINE AT THE SHERROD KENDALLS, AND THEY'VE NAMED HER COLLEEN SHIMON. WITH THAT NAME AND HER MOTHER'S GOOD LOOKS, SHE SHOULD BE WREAKING PLENTY OF HAVOC AMONG THE MALES COME, SAY, 1950. DUE TO THE MANPOWER SHORTAGE (WHERE HAVE WE HEARD THAT BEFORE?) PAPA KENDALL IS RUSHING HOME FROM THE STATION EACH DAY TO TAKE CARE OF HIS NEW DAUGHTER'S LINGERIE. AS HE CAREFULLY PUTS IT, "THIS IS NOT LL BEER AND SKITTLES."

THIS IS THE WAY IT HAPPENED, FOLKS. WENDY (THE JITTERBUGGING TRAFFIC CHECK CHICK, IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW) STOOD UP AT THE TOP OF THE LITTLE HILL AND WATCHED THE OTHER BEGINNERS GRACEFULLY GLIDING DOWNWARDS. FINALLY, WITH A SHRUG OF HER SHOULDERS (SMARTLY CLAD IN A BRIGHT RED WINDBREAKER) SHE PROCLAIMED TO ALL AND SUNDRY, "I CAN'T DO MORE THAN BREAK A LEG, SO HERE GOES". SHE REALLY SHOULD TAKE UP TEA-LEAF-READING, BECAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED - SHE BROKE TWO BONES IN HER GOOD RIGHT LEG, AND NOW SHE'S AT THE RAILROAD HOSPITAL WITH THE LEG IN A CAST THAT BIG!! IN LESS THAN A WEEK, THE DOCTOR HOPES TO HAVE HER OUT OF THE HOSPITAL, AND AFTER ABOUT THREE OR FOUR MORE WEEKS WE'LL BE EXPECTING HER BACK TO WORK. THE SADDEST PART OF THE STORY (SO WENDY CLAIMS) IS THAT SOME ENTERPRISING SOUL CUT HER BRAND-NEW PANTS TO RIBBONS TO GET AT THE AILING LIMB AND IT WAS THE FIRST TIME SHE'D WORN THEM!

DEFINITIONS:

- FRANCHISE: WHAT FRENCH GIRLS WINK WITH.
- BARRACKS: A SERIES OF CRAP GAMES WITH BEDS IN BETWEEN.
- INCONGRUOUS: THAT'S WHERE LAWS ARE MADE - INCONGRUOUS.
- ORANGE JUICE: ORANGE JUICE SORRY YOU MADE HER CRY?
- DECISION: DECISION NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY.

COMMENT:

LET'S SHED A TEAR FOR THE SOURDOUGH WHO
PHILANDERS.
THE POOR GUY HAS HIS NECK OUT LIKE A GANDER'S.
IN SUMMER, IT'S DAYLIGHT ALL NIGHT, YOU KNOW;
COME WINTER, HE LEAVES HIS TRACKS IN THE SNOW!

VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS TO ALL YOU LADS AND LASSIES IN THE EIGHTH REGION. AFTER SO LONG A TIME WITHOUT A WORD IN THE MUKLUK WE'VE DECIDED TO AT LAST BREAK DOWN AND GIVE OUT WITH A FEW ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE NEW COMMUNICATORS HAVE ARRIVED AT JIL DOG, ARE SETTLED DOWN FOR THE WINTER, AND ARE NOW ABLE TO TAKE THEIR SHIFTS ALONE AND UNASSISTED. THEY ARE: MR. WILLIAM R. WUORINEN, MRS. A. LOURINE WUORINEN AND CHILD, MR. FRANK E. SMITH AND MRS. HAZEL A. SMITH AND TWO CHILDREN. WE LIKE THEM VERY MUCH AND WE ARE SURE THAT WE WILL HAVE MANY HAPPY HOURS TOGETHER. MR. AND MRS. TALLMAN'S LITTLE DAUGHTER, SUSAN, TOOK HER FIRST STEP THE OTHER DAY. CONGRATULATIONS!

SUMMIT ALSO BOASTS A WEATHER BUREAU SINCE LAST WRITING. MR. AND MRS. E. V. JETTON ARRIVED IN NOVEMBER TO TAKE CHARGE OF WEATHER OBSERVATIONAL DUTIES, PIBALS AND MATS, AND WE WELCOMED THEM WITH GREAT DELIGHT.

ALSO JUST RECENTLY ARRIVED ARE MR. AND MRS. PIERCE, THE NEW R/S AND HIS WIFE, TAKING THE PLACE OF MR. W. B. DONAHUE, WHO IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO ANNETTE ISLAND SHORTLY. ANOTHER RECENT TRANSFER IS THAT OF WILLIAM H. COHNBERG, AC, TO YAKUTAGA BAY AS ACIC. MR. AND MRS. BOISE WILL ARRIVE AT SUMMIT PRESENTLY AS FURTHER ADDITIONS TO OUR COMMUNICATOR PERSONNEL. LAST, BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST, OTHER ARRIVALS AT SUMMIT ARE MR. A. P. MCNONIGAL, OUR NEW C/C, AND HIS WIFE, AND TO SAY THAT THEY WERE INSTANTLY LIKED WOULD BE PUTTING IT MILDLY. LET'S GIVE OUR VERY BEST COOPERATION TO HIM IN HIS NEW DUTIES.

"WAS THERE MUCH SNOW ON THE GROUND AT SUMMIT DURING THAT LAST BLIZZARD THEY HAD THERE?" SOMEONE RECENTLY ASKED. WELL, ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I WAS MAKING AS GOOD PROGRESS AS I COULD ON THE WAY TO THE CONTROL STATION THE OTHER DAY, WHEN I SAW A MAN'S FUR CAP LYING IN THE SNOW. I STOOPED TO PICK IT UP AND FOUND, TO MY SURPRISE, THE HEAD OF THE NEW MECHANIC, GEOIT, UNDERNEATH IT. I ASKED HIM, "MAY I HELP YOU UP OUT OF THE SNOW?" HE SMILINGLY REPLIED, "OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT, OLD MAN. I'M DRIVING A CAT!" AND WITH THAT BEMARK YOURS TRULY SAYS SO LONG UNTIL NEXT TIME, AND REMEMBER, THE MORE WAR BONDS WE BUY THE QUICKER WE'LL MAKE ADOLPH FLY, AND I DO MEAN FLY - OR, IN OTHER WORDS, SCATI!

WEDDING BELLS
RING IN ATC

THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL BRANCH LOST ONE OF ITS MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELORS UPON THE ARRIVAL OF NC 14 FROM ITS EXTENDED VISIT IN TEXAS. LLOYD SUSDORF AND TEDDY TWYMAN MADE THAT LONG TREK DOWN THE MIDDLE ISLE SEVERAL DAYS AFTER HER ARRIVAL. WE WELCOME YOU, TEDDY, TO THE FROZEN NORTH AND HOPE YOU WILL LIKE BOTH YOUR NEW JOBS - KEEPING HOUSE FOR LLOYD AND WORKING FOR THE CAA IN THE SIGNALS BRANCH.

WILLIE THE WINE: "I HAVE LIVED IN NOME FOR SEVERAL YEARS. IN THAT FINE CITY THERE ARE 100 BEER JOINTS. I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN IN ONE OF THEM."
SNYDER: "WHICH ONE IS THAT?"

IT APPEARS THAT FX HAS BEEN RATHER LAX IN THE MATTER OF MAKING ANY REPORTS TO THIS PAPER. UNDOUBTEDLY THERE IS NO REAL EXCUSE; HOWEVER, SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF CAC TOY, WE FIND TIME TO IT OUR A "SPELL" AT THE OLD MILL, AND POUND OUT A FEW LINES.

AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF OUR NEW CHIEF, NOTHING ELSE EXCITING HAPPENED UNTIL WE RECEIVED A "BIG" SHIPMENT OF STATIONERY AND STUFF FROM THE DEPOT. IN THAT SHIPMENT WAS ONE (1) SHEET OF LETTERHEAD BOND. WHEN INVOICES, REQUISITIONS AND SUCH WERE REFERRED TO, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT FRIEND CHIEF MADE THE GROSS ERROR OF LEAVING OUT THE WORD "REAM" IN HIS REQUISITION. WE APPRECIATE THE JOKE, DEPOT, BUT FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE ARE STILL IN DIRE NEED OF THE OTHER 499 SHEETS OF THAT "REAM".

WE WERE CHEERFULLY GREETED BY THE SMILING BUT COLD FACES OF OUR REGIONAL MANAGER AND THE GENERAL INSPECTION BRANCH CHIEF ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY FIFTH. HOWEVER, A LITTLE HOT "MUD", A SLICE OR TWO OF THE WATCH'S SANDWICH MEAT AND A LITTLE BULL SESSION APPEARED TO WARM THEM UP SOMEWHAT. COME BACK AGAIN, BOYS; YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME - EVEN IF YOU DO HAVE TO ASK FOR THE COFFEE.

RATHER LATE IN OUR PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED WELCOME, BUT "WELCOME HOME, JOHN". THAT REDHEAD HAS BEEN DOWN IN THE "BANANA BELT" ENTIRELY TOO LONG! EVEN IN SUB-ZERO WEATHER HE RURS AROUND WITHOUT "LONGIES" AND WEARING A "RAIN-COAT"! BR-R-R-R, WE SHIVER WITH JUST THE THOUGHT OF IT!

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW UNTIL "ALKY" KOERING CROSSES OFF THE LAST NUMBER ON HIS NUMBER MEET AND WENDS HIS WEARY WAY HOMEWARD, JUST TO KEEP A CHECK OFF THE MAILS OR ON HIS YF (WE HAVEN'T DECIDED WHICH) "ALKY" KEEPS A NUMBER CHECK ON HIS "SUGAR REPORTS". HE HAS BEEN PACING BACK AND FORTH SO LONG NOW THAT HE WILL HAVE TO BUY ANOTHER PAIR OF SHOES PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, IN ORDER TO GIVE THAT NUMBER 17 COUPON HE'S BEEN HOARDING.

WE HOPE THAT TWO OF THE FX ALUMNI LIKE THEIR NEW HOMES, NAMELY: B. F. NAYER AND WILLIAM (WILLIE) YOUPPI. GUESS THE EXTREME COLD WEATHER UP IN THIS NECK OF THE WOODS FINALLY DROVE THEM TO THE "BANANA BELT".

WE ARE WONDERING WHERE ONE OF OUR PRE'S DID HIS "WANDERING" TO COME BACK ONE DAY WITH A SCRATCHED NOSE AND THE NEXT TIME WITH A FROZEN EAR. MOOSE SEASON IS OVER, BILL!

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME TO HAZEL AND WILLIAM McDONALD AND THEODORE AND WILBUR CROSSMAN, KELLY ARRIVED FROM SEATTLE - IC'S FROM HERE OUT.

THE "CHENA" IS FROZEN SOLID NOW - SO THAT'S THE END OF THE "SLOP" FOR THIS TIME.

SPECIAL NOTICE: HOPEWELL AND HIS HAPPY BUT FULL OF HOPELESS HELPMATES HAVE ACQUIRED AN OFFICE SPACE. IT SEEMS THEY HAVE SWEEPED THE COBWEBS OUT OF THE WINDOWS IN ROOM 229, RECENTLY VACATED BY THE PLANNING UNIT, AND ARE NOW USING THIS OFFICE AS A STUDY ROOM FOR AMBITIOUS ENGINEERS. AM WONDERING, HOWEVER, IF THE THICK BLUE FOG THAT CONSTANTLY HANGS LOW IN THIS ROOM IS ENTIRELY DUE TO STUDY.

"OH - I'M A RAMBLER!" WRECK FROM OLD NAKKEL, AND HELLWAN ENGINEER", PEELED SAM "HARD WORK" KELSEY, AS HE GLEEFULLY TOSSED THE LAST OF TWO YEARS ACCUMULATION OF "TRASH" OUT OF THE OFFICE WINDOW. THEN, FIGHTING HIS WAY BACK THROUGH THE BLINDING DUST, HE COMMENCED REARRANGING THE ENTIRE OFFICE, NOT STOPPING UNTIL A VERY THOROUGH JOB HAD BEEN COMPLETED. NOW WITH THE SPRING HOUSECLEANING OVER AND THE OFFICE BACK TO NORMAL,

WE WELCOME INTO THE "FOLD" MRS RAYMOND COTE AND MR. ALVIN T. LYSE. WE HOPE THAT THE RIGOROUS ACTIVITY OF THE PAST WEEK HAS NOT BEEN TOO STRENUOUS. MR. COTE MAILS FROM OKLAHOMA AND THE CENTRAL DEPOT AREA, WHILE MR. LYSE CLAIMS MEMBERSHIP IN THE CALIFORNIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

WE MISS THE CHEERFUL PRESENCE OF DALE BARDEN IN CONSTRUCTION UNIT, BUT AS I ALWAYS SAID, A MOTHER'S PLACE IS IN THE HOME.

AM ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO HEAR THE SCANDAL STORIES THAT FOLLOW DON GEORGE IN FROM NOME--AREN'T YOU? THEY SHOULD BE FAR BETTER THAN THE LAST.

HAVE YOU NOTICED - HOW MUCH COMFORT HOWARD HENKEL GETS OUT OF HIS NEWLY ACQUIRED TILT-BACK CHAIR? - HOW HARD DAN SETCHFIELD IS CRAWMING FOR NEXT WEEK'S BILLY MURRY'S MUSICAL QUIZ? - HOW BRILLIANTLY RED IRENE RYAN'S EARS GET WHEN SHE RECEIVES A 660 IMPROPERLY CODED?

EVEN THOUGH MARY LEE STERLING IS A YEAR OLDER THAN WHEN THE LAST PUBLICATION CAME OUT, SHE STILL HAS TO STAND ON TIPTOE ON HER LITTLE FOOTSTOOL TO REACH THE 215 BOOK. DOES ANYONE HAVE A SPARE PAIR OF STILTS TO LEND?

IT WAS MARGUERITE KYGER WHO SAID "THOSE COPY CATS" WHEN SHE SAW ENGINEERING BUILDING A CLOCK BACK JUST LIKE OURS. AND RIGHTLY SO. CAN'T THEY WORK UP A DESIGN OF THEIR OWN - THE COPY CATS!

MARIE McDONALD AND ERMA ANDERSON ARE KEEPING AN EAGLE EYE ON KELSEY TO FIND WHERE HE HIDES THE PINK WEARING APPAREL HE EXHIBITS. MARIE, HOWEVER, IS STILL NOT CONVINCED THAT SAM ACTUALLY WEARS THIS TYPE OF CLOTHING.

RECENTLY BACK FROM THE "OLD COUNTRY" IS LE. CONNORS, AS CHEERFUL AND HAPPY AS EVER. HE REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT OUTSIDE - SHE AIN'T SHAL. SHE USED TO BE. THANKS FOR THE CIGARS, LEE. IT IS A BOY, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, OUR RETURNING CHIEF GAVE ETSOTS OF PRAISE OF THOSE COMMUNICATORS FROM STATION HQ WHO, BESIDES THEIR REGULAR HOURS OF WORK, ATTENDED THE CLASSES AT THE TRAINING UNIT WITH CONSIDERABLE EFFORT AND SACRIFICE (DOMESTICALLY, YOU UNDERSTAND) AND, MORE IMPORTANT, SUCCEEDED IN ABSORBING THE INSTRUCTIONS AND DID VERY WELL AS TO GRADES. AND HE SPOKE NOT ONLY WELL OF THE VARIOUS INSTRUCTORS, BUT MUCH, AND LONG. WISH WE'D BEEN THERE ALSO.

WE BELIEVE WE HAVE A RIGHT TO BRAG. THE WENDLERS HAVE A ONE AND ONE HALF YEAR OLD LADY WHO IS, OF COURSE, SMART AS CAN BE. SHE QUOTES ALL THE NURSERY RHYMES FASTER THAN YOU CAN FOLLOW AND BETTER YET, SHE HAS MASTERED ATTENTION (TRAINING UNIT) THE CALL ALPHABET. JUST GIVE HER A CHANCE. SOMEBODY HAVE A BOY WE CAN LOOK TO THE FUTURE FOR?

OUR HOLIDAYS WEREN'T PERFECT, BUT ALMOST WERE. ANOTHER GAY TIME WAS ENJOYED BY THE MEMBERS IN THE FRESHLY CLEANED (OF COURSE WE MENTIONED IT ONCE BEFORE) UTILITY HOUSE, WHERE NEW RECORDINGS WERE BROUGHT FORTH ALONG WITH OTHER JOYOUS MIXTURES THAT RAISED THE PITCH OF THE MELODIES AND EMOTIONS.

IF YOU THINK WE ARE GOING TO LEAVE OUR RESIDENT ENGINEER FANNING ALONE WITH HIS TROUBLING IN THE LAST ISSUE, YOU'RE DEAD WRONG. BESIDE THERMOMETERS, HE NOW CARRIES WOODEN RULERS, FOLDING RULERS, METAL RULERS...ONLY BECAUSE OF A NEW HOLE THEY ARE BORING THROUGH TO CHINA TO DISPROVE THE OVERLAND GREAT CIRCLE ROUTE. HE PUFFS ABOUT ALMOST AS NOISILY AS THE STEAM GADGET THEY'RE USING. ENGINEERING SECTION SHOULD BE PROUD OF HIM.

SOUCIE AND SPRINGHETTI ARE OFF FOR HOME, BUT TO EACH THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE CHANGE ON THE HOME FRONT. SPRINGHETTI LOST ONE OF HIS STEADY(S); SOUCIE HAS AN UNSEEN-AS-YET IMAGE.

NOW SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND SOME COMMENT, TOO. THANKS TO ALL THOSE STATIONS WHO GREETED US WITH THEIR SCRAMPTIOUS GREETING CARDS....NEWS OF OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED CO-WORKER SPATSFORD INDICATES HE IS NOW REALLY IN THE STICKS - ASHLEY, N. D....AND PHIL REAM IS OFF ON A THIRTY DAY (LEAVE) HONEYMOON, ALL THE WAY TO NEW YORK CITY, COUNTESS OF FIFTH REGION COMMUNICATIONS....CONGRATULATIONS TO MCCRATH'S CHIEF ON THE NEW FAMILY ADDITION....NOT ANYONE CAN APPROACH MAKING ICE-CREAM AS DOES FANCY FANNING....AND WE HAVE ALL THE SYMPATHY IN THE WORLD FOR THE OPS AT BIG DELTA WHEN THESE FLIGHTS SOAR OVER US ENROUTE FOR FAIRBANKS BUT END UP AT BIG DELTA INSTEAD - AND THAT WIND THEY HAVE THERE - TSK TSK!...WE WERE WELL ON THE WAY TO ORGANIZING A BASKETBALL TEAM TO COMPETE AGAINST THE ARMY IN THEIR NEW HANGAR, BUT I'D DROP A BASIC MANUAL WITH OTHER GADGETS WITH WHICH WE WILL NOW OCCUPY OURSELVES, INSTEAD....IT WON'T ALL HONEY. CHIEF SAID ON THE OCCASION, "SOME DAYS YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE A NICKEL, AND THIS IS ONE OF THEM."

1-16. HURST AND NC 18 HAVE BEEN KEPT SO BUSY THE LAST FEW SUNDAYS THAT JIM HAS ABOUT DECIDED TO BECOME A SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST. AFTER HAVING BORNE THE BRUNT OF CAA AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR OVER THREE MONTHS, HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE KING ARTHUR SHOULD HAVE A LARGER COOR. HOWEVER, HE CAN THINK OF BETTER PLACES THAN TEXAS IN WHICH TO HAVE THE WORK DONE.

1-18. THE MORNING AMBULANCE SERVICE IS AGAIN ON THE JOB. MRS. SHIRLEY MOODERS, JP AC, WAS BROUGHT TO HQ AFTER SHE FELL AND SUSTAINED INTERNAL INJURIES.

1-27. JIM HURST LEFT TODAY FOR HIS HOME IN NEBRASKA, AFTER RECEIVING WORD OF HIS FATHER'S SERIOUS ILLNESS. WHILE OUTSIDE, JIM WILL ROUND UP SOME BADLY NEEDED PARTS FOR THE BOEING. HE EXPECTS TO BE BACK IN HQ BY THE TIME KING ARTHUR IS OFF THE SICK LIST.

1-29. WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOUR MOTOR QUIT WHEN YOU WERE OVER THE MIDDLE OF COOK INLET? FUZZ ROGERS TURNED NC 59 AROUND AND COAXED IT BACK TO MACKENZIE POINT. HE COULDN'T QUITE MAKE THE CLEARING HE WAS HEADED FOR, SO THE PLANE IS OUT OF ACTION FOR A WHILE AND THE TREE IT UPROOTED IS PERMANENTLY DECOMMISSIONED. HOWEVER, FUZZ WALKED AWAY WITHOUT A SCRATCH. SO DID MAX COLLINS, JP RMS, FOR WHOM THE EMERGENCY TRIP WAS MADE. COLLINS HAD BEEN BURNED WHEN A FURNACE EXPLODED IN HIS FACE.

2-2. GROUND-HOG DAY! JIGGERS, GANG! THE BOSS IS COMING HOME!

2-3. THERE ARE TWO STRANGE FACES IN THE OFFICE TODAY. OLDTIMERS IN THE CAA WILL RECOGNIZE THE BLACK-HAIRED FELLOW WHO SPEAKS SO LEARNEDLY ON THE SUBJECTS OF TEXAS AND PRIORITIES. HE IS OUR BRANCH CHIEF, JACK JEFFORD, WHO FINALLY MANAGED TO JERK THE KING CHRIS LOOSE FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, WHERE IT WAS MADE OVER INTO A FREIGHTING PLANE WELL ADAPTED TO ALASKAN WORK.

THE OTHER ARRIVAL IS HARRY O. GRAY, WHOM YOU FIELD PERSONNEL WILL SOON SEE AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF NC 18 AND ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SMALLER PLANES. HARRY IS FITTING INTO THE BRANCH VERY WELL, AND AS SOON AS HE JOINS THE ELKS, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DISTINGUISH HIM FROM OUR MEMBERS OF LONG STANDING.

QUICK-TRIP HURST, TOO, CAME IN ON NC 14, LESS THAN A WEEK AFTER HE LEFT HQ.

2-7. FOR SALE! ONE USED NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL OFFERED AT SACRIFICIAL PRICE! IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUESTS IN THE JULY AND OCTOBER MUKLUK TELEGRAMS FOR \$10.00 IN DIMITS TO COVER HIS NOTARY PUBLIC FEE, JACK JEFFORD RECEIVED ONLY \$1.13 AND A SEATTLE BUS TOKEN. UNABLE TO CONTINUE OPERATION AT A LOSS, JEFFORD REGRETS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE WILL BE OUT OF THE NOTARY PUBLIC BUSINESS AFTER HIS COMMISSION EXPIRES ON FEBRUARY 27, 1944. BETTER HAVE ALL YOUR PAPERS NOTARIZED BEFORE THAT TIME - AND REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR BIOS FOR THE SEAL.

DIVING INTO THE MURLUK GRAB-BAG FOR THIS MONTH, WE EMERGE WITH THE FOLLOWING CHOICE MORSELS:

"FORTUNATE FAIR FAIRBANKS FEMALES! IT WAS NONE OTHER THAN OUR FORMER CHIEF, JIM TOY, WHO MODESTLY CONFIDED THAT GIVEN SIX WEEKS IN THE STATES, HE COULD BRING BACK ANY LOVELY LITTLE HOUSEKEEPER HE CHOSE. WELL, HE'S BACK FROM UNCLE SUGAR, AND AS FAR AS WE KNOW, ALONE. BUT THEN, HE WAS GONE ONLY THREE WEEKS. LOOKS LIKE GOOD TRAPPING THIS WINTER, GALS."

"FEW MAY HEED, AND NONE MAY REMEMBER WHAT THAT CAPABLE FIVE-BY-FIVE IN SECTION 95, ART LAPPI, SAID WHEN HE WAS HERE LAST SUMMER AND PUT OUR STATION IN ORDER; BUT A HOUSE FULL OF AMIZABLE BACHELORS WILL NEVER FORGET WHAT HE DID HERE. THE EXPENSE MORLEY WAS PUT TO WHILE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM ART IN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF 4-5-6 THEY CHEERFULLY WRITE OFF. AFTER NINE MONTHS WITHOUT A HOT-WATER COIL IN THE KITCHEN STOVE, COLD SHOWERS AFTER THE FIRST ONE USED WHAT LITTLE HOT WATER THERE WAS, WASHING DISHES IN LUKEWARM WATER, YOU CAN SEE WHY LAPPI IS ACE HIGH HERE. YES, THERE IS A BIT OF GENIUS IN ART. SAID COIL COULD NOT BE HAD BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF MATERIALS. ART WENT TO THE 5 AND 10 STORE IN KODIAK AND FOR A COUPLE OF DOLLARS BOUGHT NECESSARY PARTS AND IN A COUPLE OF HOURS HAD SAID COIL MADE. WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY."

"TWITCHELL, OUR ERSTWHILE GENIAL RELIEF-SHIFT MAN, LEARNING TO APPRECIATE THE JOY OF UNINTERRUPTED SLEEP, AND SELDOM FINDING SANE, HAS BEEN HEARD TO PRAY: 'OH ALLAH, MAY EACH AND EVERY ONE WHO TALKS ABOVE A WHISPER BE SMITTEN WITH CANCER OF THE THROAT, AND HE THAT WALKS WITH OTHER THAN FAIRY TREAD DIE OF THE GOUT IN EACH AND EVERY FOOT. AMEN.'"

WE SEARCH DILIGENTLY IN THE GRAB-BAG, BUT NO MORE CAN BE FOUND. AND NOT EVEN A PAGE FILLED YET. GUESS IT'S UP TO THE LOCAL EDITOR TO FILL IN SOMETHING TO UPHOLD THE HONOR OF THE STATION. HONOR - SUCH AS IT IS.

WE WONDER IF OTHER STATIONS HAVE EVER HAD THEIR CURIOSITY AROUSED AS TO JUST WHAT IT'S LIKE DOWN AROUND KODIAK WAY. BEFORE COMING HERE, WE DIDN'T HAVE THE LEAST IDEA EITHER. VERY FEW DO. MOST OPERATORS AND PERSONNEL BEING TRANSFERRED TO OF EXPRESS SURPRISE, AND REMARK THAT THEY HAD TO COME A THOUSAND MILES TO SATISFY THEIR CURIOSITY. MAYBE WE CAN DO A LITTLE TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEA WHAT TO EXPECT. COULD BE THAT WE MIGHT BE INSTRUMENTAL IN CONVINCING YOU THAT KODIAK ISN'T TOO UNDEVELOPED.

THE PLACE DOES HAVE ITS INCONVENIENCES. IN OCCASIONAL WILLIAMS WILL PROBABLY MAKE YOU LOSE YOUR HAT, AND THERE'S A DEFINITE NEED FOR A RAINCOAT AND RUBBERS DURING SEASON. WE OFTEN HEAR BELITTLING REMARKS ABOUT LACK OF SUNSHINE AND THE EXTREMELY CHANGEABLE WEATHER. WE HAVE SEEN IT RAIN, SNOW, HAIL, AND HAVE THE SUN EMERGE ALL WITHIN THE SPACE OF TEN MINUTES. BUT AS MAINTENANCE SO OFTEN SAYS, THIS IS JUST TEMPORARY. SO WE DO HAVE A DESIT SIDE FOR KODIAK.

LOOKING AT THE CREDIT SIDE, THOUGH, WE CAN POINT OUT THE MAGNIFICENT SCENERY. HUGE TREES

CLICK, CLICK - WHIR, WHIR - THOSE ARE THE WHEELS OF INDUSTRY AS THE BRAINS IN THE DRAFTING ROOM START TO PRODUCE IDEAS FOR THE SADIIE HAWKINS DANCE - ESPECIALLY SO, SINCE GALS HAVE TAKEN OVER MOST OF ROOM 213. SOME OF US HAVE BEEN STYLING OUR OUTFITS ALREADY, BUT FRANCIS MAYER BEATS THEM ALL WHEN HE THREATENS TO COME IN HIS PLAID NIGHTSHIRT. BOY, IT'S GOING TO BE FUN!

MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS OF EACH WEEK ARE NOT ONLY "BELE" BUT ALSO "STIFF AND SORE" ONES FOR THE SKIING ENTHUSIASTS OF 71. THE FACT THAT MANY OF THE ENGINEERS ARE ALSO SKIERS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED, FORMING A COMMON SYMPATHY FOR A CHANGE. JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, SKIING IS A GREAT SPORT - THREE DAYS AFTER THE ORDEAL.

A LITTLE NOTE OF CHEER: ED CARLSON IS TEMPORARILY SITUATED IN THE DRAFTING ROOM. FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS HE HAS BEEN STRETCHED OUT ON TOP OF HIS DESK WORKING ON AN IMMENSE DRAWING. WE'VE BEEN WONDERING WHETHER IT'S MORE RESTFUL THAT WAY OR WHETHER IT'S A CASE OF NIGHT-OWLING.

WHICH MAKE YOUR INTERIOR SCENIC SPOTS LOOK LIKE THE MOJAVE DESERT...THE OCEAN RIGHT AT YOUR DOORSTEP...TRAILS WHICH FOLLOW THE CLIFF, WEAVING IN AND OUT AMONG THE TREES AND ALONG THE BEACH...PICNICS ON THE SEASIDE...HUNTING CLAMS AND COCKLES AND THE DELICIOUS TASTE OF BUTTER CLAMS PULLED OUT OF THE FIRE.

BIGGEST INCONVENIENCE IS RUSTLING UP CHOW AFTER PUTTING IN YOUR 56 HOURS PER WEEK, BUT HOPE TO HAVE THE COMMISSARY SET UP ONE OF THESE DAYS. AND FOR THE BACHELORS WE'LL SOON HAVE THE MESS HALL AND DORMITORY IN OPERATION. NOTHING HALF-BAKED ABOUT IT, EITHER. REALLY PROFESSIONAL. CHILDS OR LONGCHAMPS MIGHT MAKE A FEW CHANGES IN THE MESS HALL, BUT SHE'S DEFINITELY IN THE GROOVE. NEON LIGHTS AND EVERYTHING. AND THE DORMITORY ISN'T OF THE CONSTRUCTION CAMP VARIETY, IF YOU WONDERED. HOT AND COLD WATER AND ALL THE COMFORTS OF A PAMPERED CIVILIZATION.

NOT MUCH OF A TOWN, KODIAK, BUT IT HAS EVERYTHING THAT YOU'LL POSSIBLY NEED. TWO GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES OF ANY IMPORTANCE WHERE YOU CAN BUY ANYTHING YOU CAN GET IN ANCHORAGE, AND USUALLY CHEAPER. TWO MOVIES IN TOWN, AND ALL THE ACCOUTREMENTS OF A SELF-SUFFICIENT COMMUNITY. MAIL SERVICE FROM THE STATES IN (A)EM) 3 OR 4 DAYS.

WELL, GUESS WE'VE BLOWN OUR HORN ENOUGH. JUST WANTED THE BOYS TO HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT THEY MIGHT BE COMING TO IF THEY'RE TRYING TO DECIDE ON WHETHER TO BID ON OF AT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER.

WE MIGHT TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE SOME OF OUR NEW PERSONNEL. MR. AND MRS. CARL GALLEY COME FROM THE SEATTLE TRAINING SCHOOL, AND ARE A WELCOME ADDITION. INDEED, WE HOPE WE CAN JUSTIFY THE OPTIMISM AND ENTHUSIASM THEY BRING WITH THEM. AND JERRY BAIN, EX-WF EX-USN, DOES HIS BIT BY PUTTING UP WITH US FOR NINE MONTHS, AND SAYS MAYBE MORE.

WHICH CLEANS US OUT OF MATERIAL. 73'S.

WE GRUB AROUND FOR CHOICEST THINGS THAT SPROUT
UP IN OUR GARDEN,
IF TO YOUR TASTES THEY SUIT YOU ILL, WE HUMBL
BEG YOUR PARDON.
WE SOW THE SEED LET COME WHAT MAY - SPINACH,
GARLIC, ONIONS.
THINK NOTHING OF IT, BOYS AND GIRLS, IF WE STEP
ON YOUR BUNIONS;

THIS MONTH'S HEART-RENDING SOB GOES TO THE
CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR WHO, AFTER ALREADY
HAVING DONE DUTY, FOR AN EIGHT HOUR STRETCH, IS
HEROICALLY ADVISED BY A MEMBER OF HIS CREW THAT
SAID MEMBER HAS BEEN AILING FOR THE PAST TWENTY
FOUR HOURS AND WILL THEREFORE BE UNABLE TO
REPORT FOR WORK THIRTY MINUTES HENCE. THE
CHIEF, NEVER AILING AND NOT BEING GIVEN OPPORTU-
NITY TO ARRANGE FOR A RELIEF, GOES BACK TO
PRISON FOR ANOTHER STRETCH. HIS FUNNY BONE
HAVING BEEN TICKLED, HE TREATS THE MATTER AS A
HUGE JOKE AND PRACTICALLY LAUGHS HIMSELF TO
SLEEP.

MRS. KAPLAN, SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF OF THE
COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH AND RECORDER EXTRAORDI-
NARY FOR COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCES, CLAIMS
THAT THE SECOND GROUP OF CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMU-
NICATORS, IN CONFERENCE OF RECENT DATE, WERE
MORE CONSERVATIVE IN THEIR DEPARTMENT THAN THE
FIRST GROUP. BY THAT, WE TAKE IT THEY ACTED
BETTER. AT ANY RATE, THEY CAUSED LESS SCANDAL.

TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE HAS NEVER APPEARED
IN THE MUKLUK A TREATISE ON GOOD WRITING - A
FIRST CLASS CAUSTIC DIATRIBE ON WHAT TO SAY AND
WHY - AN "OPEN SESAME" BY WHICH BY HOOK OR
CROOK EMBRYO AUTHORS CAN LOCATE THE MAGIC KEY
THAT UNLOCKS THE PORTALS OF THIS PUBLICATION.
IN CONSEQUENCE, AND TO ASSIST THOSE WHO HAVE
NEVER CONTRIBUTED - WHOSE DOMINANT THOUGHTS, IF
PROPERLY MUSTERED, COULD CLIMB TO THE PEAK OF
MASTERY WRITING - WHOSE COMMAND OF LANGUAGE
AND EUPHONIOUS GRAMMAR WOULD SLAY US ALL -
WHOSE WORD-FLIGHTS INTO THOUGHT AND REASON
WOULD MAKE US ALL LOOK LIKE DRIPS - WE DO
HEREBY DECLARE AND SWEAR THAT HERE PRESENTED
ARE THE RIGHTS AND WRONGS OF PROPER WRITING.
TAKE OUR ADVICE AND NOTE RESULTS. IF AT FIRST
YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY, TRY AGAIN. WE DID AND
STILL ARE.

BE CAREFUL OF OTHER PEOPLE'S SENSIBILITIES.
OTHER PEOPLE ARE NO MORE SENSIBLE THAN YOU.

BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL ABOUT INDULGING IN
PERSONALITIES. INDULGE YOURSELF IN A GLASS OF
SCOTCH AND FORGET IT.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY, SAY IT. IF YOU
DON'T SAY IT ANYWAY, WE CAN TAKE IT!

NEVER BE SARCASTIC. SOME PEOPLE MIGHT MISS
THE POINT AND THINK YOU ARE BEING SARCASTIC.

INDUCE YOUR CO-WORKERS TO AID YOU IN DRAFT-
ING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. YOU WILL FIND IT RE-
FRESHING TO THROW THEIR STUFF IN THE WASTE-
BASKET.

SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLE AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE
SO THE EDITORS WILL BE PRESSED FOR TIME. MORE
OF IT WILL REACH PRINT THAN IF THEY HAVE MORE
TIME TO READ IT.

IN CASE YOU THINK YOU ARE FUNNY, KEEP YOUR
HUMOR ABOVE THE ELEMENTARY. OMIT SUCH PUNS AS
THE ONE THE DRAFTING UNIT SLIPPED OVER IN THE
JANUARY ISSUE ABOUT RALPH WALKER'S BEING IN THE
ALEUTIANS, SO THE GIRLS IN THE OFFICE WROTE

HIM A CHAIN LETTER. THAT WE CONSIDER NO BET-
TER THAN ED SNYDER'S REFERENCE TO INSPECTOR
ELMO CONE AS THE CONE OF SILENCE. FRIENDS,
PLEASE!

DON'T GRIPE IF YOUR ARTICLE DOESN'T REACH
THE FRONT PAGE. THAT'S THE FIRST PLACE WHERE
SOMEONE SPILLS THE COFFEE, SO IT CAN'T BE READ
ANYWAY.

NEVER SLAM THE CAA. WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME
BOAT.

NEVER PASS OUT A COMPLIMENT YOU DO NOT MEAN.
SOME PEOPLE CANNOT TAKE A JOKE.

NEVER LEAVE ANYTHING UNSAID. FOR PETE'S
SAKE, LEAVE SOMETHING FOR THE EDITORS TO CUT
OUT. WE DO, WHY SHOULDN'T YOU?

ALWAYS REFER TO YOUR SUPERIORS AS BEING MORE
CAPABLE THAN YOU. IF YOU CAN'T REFER TO THEM
IN THAT FASHION, SAY NOTHING. CONSEQUENTLY,
SAY NOTHING.

IF YOU JUST CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO
WRITE, SUBMIT A BLANK SHEET OF PAPER TO THE
EDITORS, REQUESTING THEM TO FILL IT IN. THIS
IS A DANDY WAY TO GET BACK AT THE EDITORS.

LET COME TO MIND ONLY THOSE THINGS PERMISS-
IBLE TO PUBLISH. DON'T BE LIKE US AND THINK
OF SO CONFOUNDED MANY THINGS WE CAN'T PUBLISH.

DON'T TRY TO HOG THE SPOTLIGHT. WE TRIED
IT, AND HAD SEVENTY FIVE PERCENT OF OUR STUFF
HICKED OUT. (NO PUN, PLEASE, ABOUT ITS BEING
ONE HUNDRED PERCENT HICKED OUT.)

DON'T BLAME THE EDITORS FOR OMITTING POR-
TIONS OF YOUR EFFORTS. JUST THINK WHAT WE'D
HAVE TO READ IF THE EDITORS, THEMSELVES, WERE
OMITTED.

MAKE USE OF A TITLE. OFTEN TIMES IT'S THE
ONLY GOOD PART OF AN ARTICLE. BUT CHOOSE ONE
WITH A GOOD MEANING. OR ON SECOND THOUGHT -
ONE WITH A GOOD DOUBLE MEANING. THEN IF YOU
WRITE SOMETHING INDISCREET, YOU CAN BLAME IT ON
THE TITLE.

ANY SUGGESTIONS TOWARD IMPROVEMENT OF THE
ORGANIZATION ARE, OF COURSE, WELCOME. BUT ALL
OF THE SUGGESTIONS CANNOT BE EFFECTED. THAT
IS, NOT UNLESS WE ALL WANT TO GO BATTY!

WHAT YOUR READERS ARE MAINLY INTERESTED IN
IS SCANDAL. THEREFORE, GIVE US THE SCANDAL.
AND WHEN, AS A RESULT, SOME IRATE DAME CHASES
YOU ACROSS COUNTRY WITH A POTATO MASHER, THINK
OF YOUR NOBLE DEED! YOU GOT THE POTATO MASHER,
BUT WE GOT THE SCANDAL. (MANY THANKS.)

NEVER SAY ANYTHING COMPLIMENTARY ABOUT THE
REGIONAL OFFICE. IT WOULD BE SO UNUSUAL THEY
WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

NOTE: THE ABOVE RULES FOR BETTER WRITING
WERE NOT LIFTED FROM ANY MAGAZINE, NEWSPAPER OR
PUBLISHER'S PERIODICAL. THEY ARE ORIGINAL. WE
THOUGHT THEM ALL UP BY OUR OWN LITTLE SELVES TO
PROVE THAT WHEN WE SET OUR MINDS TO IT, WE CAN
PRODUCE SOMETHING WORTHWHILE. AND IF THE FORE-
GOING IS NOT WORTHWHILE, THEN THERE IS NO USE
GOING ON. SO WE STOP RIGHT HERE, EXCEPT TO
APPEND, AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT, THIS LITTLE JEWEL:

ALWAYS ADHERE TO FACT, TRUTH IS STRANGER
THAN FICTION, AND IT TAKES SPECIAL TALENT TO
WRITE FICTION, ROME WAS NOT BUILT IN A DAY,
AND YOU CANNOT BUILD A GOOD ARTICLE IN A DAY.
REWRITE, REWRITE AND REWRITE. NO MATTER HOW
GOOD YOUR STUFF READS TO YOU, IT WILL READ LIKE
TRIBE TO THE REST OF US.

VERY TRULY YOURS FOR A HIGH BATTING AVERAGE
IN THE MUKLUK.

SADIE
HAWKINS DAY DANCE
LEAP YEAR FEB 29
at the
COMMUNITY HALL
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