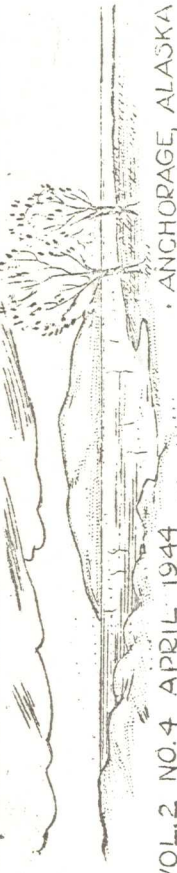


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COMMUNICATE (10N) (10NS) (OR), HISTORY OF

TREADING NEARLY ALONG IN THE FOOT PRINTS LEFT IMPRINTED IN THE SANDS OF TIME IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE MUKLUK, WE CLEARED OUR SLUMBER-LADEN EYES TO CAST A GLANCE UPON FAR DISTANT SHORES, AND NOT UNLIKE THE SPECIES UPSIDE, WE EMIT A GROWL, SHAKE OUR SHAGGY HAIR, PARTAKE OF A SAUER, INHIBIT OF A SALERATUS, AND PROCEED FORTH AT THE VERY FIRST SIGN OF SPRING TO PLAGUE THE BIRDS, BEES, TREES, AND CHICKADEES.

AFTER OUR SLUMBERS WE BEGAN REFLECTING ON OUR PAST HISTORY AND WE STUMBLED UPON AN ERUPTION OF THE BIRTH OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, WHEREIN IS RECORDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, OR THE COMING TO LIFE OF, THE GENUS "OPERATOR", HYPER-ATED BY AND USED INTERCHANGEABLY WITH THE WORDS "RAIDION" AND "WIRELESS"; ALSO SOMETIMES USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH "COPEL", "GENIUS", ETC. THE SPECIFICITY WE QUESTION NOT.

ANY ATTEMPT TO SET FORTH ON THE LONG AND ERROR STREWN TRAIL OF COMMUNICATIONS THAT HEAVES IN AND OUT THROUGH THE DUSTY PAGES OF HISTORY IS STRICTLY A GAMBLE. COMMUNICATIONS HISTORY HAS NOT FULFILLED ITS BASIC FUNCTION IN REGARD TO ITS OWN SELF; I. E., IT DID NOT ACCURATELY COMMUNICATE TO US HOW IT BEGAN COMMUNICATING. HISTORY HAS MANY TONGUES OR KISSING PAGES IN ITS RECORDS WHICH DEAL WITH COMMUNICATIONS, AND INASMUCH AS THE STATEMENTS EXPRESSED HEREIN BEAR NO RESEMBLANCE TO THE TRUTH OTHER THAN THAT WHICH IS COINCIDENTAL OR WHICH WOULD SHOW UP IN ANY GAME OF CHANCE, THE VIEWS AND STATEMENTS SET FORTH HEREAFTER MUST BE TAKEN ON GRAND SAILS.

GENERALIZINGLY, COMMUNICATIONS CAN BE CONSIDERED TO BE THE GENUS. WITH RADIO, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, SEMAPHORE, ETC., AS THE SPECIES, AND THE COMMUNICATORS THEMSELVES REJOLLY FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF THE GENIUS OF THE SPECIES GENUS.

THE FIRST RECORDED STONE CHISELINGS CONCERNING THE COMMUNICATOR APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN THE MAN WHO LISTENED TO THE "BGS", THEN RAN TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT AND REPEATED THE WORDS OR GRUNTS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LANGUAGE

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RESULTS OF FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

THE EIGHTH REGION BOUGHT \$12,553.69 WORTH OF WAR BONDS DURING THE FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE, JANUARY 15TH THRU FEBRUARY 15TH, REPORTS MRS. FRANCES KING, WAR BOND CLERK. \$30,879.91 OF THIS SUM WAS FROM PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS; THE REMAINDER REPRESENTS CASH PURCHASES.

ALPHA THIS FIGURE IS SLIGHTLY UNDER OUR QUOTA, ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN THE FIELD, REPORTED TOO LATE TO BE COUNTED IN THE DRIVE, RAISED OUR TOTAL SALES WELL PAST THE QUOTA OF 75,308.11.

IN A LETTER TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JESSE H. JONES STATES,

"REGULARLY, UNDER THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION PLAN, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF COMMERCE ARE BUYING EACH YEAR IN EXCESS OF EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS MATURITY VALUE OF WAR BONDS. YOU HAVE EXCELLED EVERY DEMAND OF FAST DRIVES FOR THE PURCHASE OF EXTRA BONDS. YOU KNOW THAT SIMILAR DRIVES ARE TO COME. YET IN THE CAMPAIGN JUST ENDED YOU ADDED MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS CASH VALUE TO YOUR PURCHASE OF WAR BONDS.

"THESE ARE MOST WORTH WHILE RESULTS OF YOUR VOLUNTARY ACTION AND I AM PROUD OF THEM. BUT I AM PROUDER STILL OF THE SELF-IMPOSED SACRIFICES AND DETERMINED EFFORT IT HAS TAKEN AND WILL TAKE TO SUSTAIN THIS EXCELLENT RECORD."

CAA CONTRIBUTES GENEROUSLY TO RED CROSS DRIVE

WITH COLLECTIONS STILL INCOMPLETE, THE ANCHORAGE OFFICE AND FIELD STATIONS LOCATED IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DIVISION HAVE CONTRIBUTED THIS FAR TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WAR FUND DRIVE FOR 1944 THE SUM OF \$10,026.75, NEARLY DOUBLE THE AMOUNT COLLECTED LAST YEAR. CONTRIBUTIONS WERE, IN SOME CASES, UNUSUALLY LARGE, AND YOUR GENEROSITY IN THIS WORTHY CAUSE HAS BEEN DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY THE LOCAL RED CROSS OFFICIALS.

CHARLOTTE R. ALDRIDGE
RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE

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TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE UNIT BRIEFS

NINE COMMUNICATORS HAVE THIS FAR COMPLETED THE ENTIRE ADVANCED TRAINING PHASE AND HAVE BEEN AWARDED LETTERS OF ATTAINMENT AS FOLLOWS: MR. AND MRS. CLIFFORD ANDERSON, RICHARD BRYAN, MR. AND MRS. NOBLE F. LAESCH, JOHN F. LAMBERT, EUGENE B. LOWMAN, ROBERT A. MILLER, AND R. L. MINNER. BETWEEN THIRTY AND FORTY OTHER COMMUNICATORS HAVE ONLY THE "COMMUNICATIONS" ELEMENT REMAINING TO BE FINISHED AND ARE EXPECTED TO QUALIFY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THESE LETTERS ARE BEING AWARDED PENDING FORMAL ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY BY WASHINGTON AT A LATER DATE. PRESENT INDICATIONS POINT TO THE DESIRABILITY OF COMPLETING THE ADVANCED TRAINING PHASE WITH A MINIMUM OF DELAY.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATORS ON TEMPORARY TOURS OF DUTY IN THIS REGION ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE AS MUCH OF THEIR CERTIFICATION TRAINING AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO RETURN TO THEIR STATES. WORK THIS COMPLETED WILL BE CREDITED AND RESULTANT GRADES FORWARDED TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE CONCERNED UPON COMPLETION OF ALASKAN DUTY.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMUNICATORS DESIRING TO OBTAIN STATION "INVESTIGATORS" SUCH AS WERE RECENTLY FURNISHED ALL AIRWAY COMMUNICATION STATIONS, THIS ITEM MAY BE PURCHASED DIRECTLY FROM THE MAYDAY FLIGHT COMPANY, 3257 GALLUP PLAZA, KANSAS CITY 3, MISSOURI. THE RETAIL PRICE IS \$14.50. (ED NOTE: WE THINK THE NEWLY INTRODUCED PLOTTER IS BY FAR THE BETTER AT \$2.95). THIS SAME ORGANIZATION ALSO PUBLISHES AN UP-TO-DATE MANUAL ENTITLED "SUMMARY OF U. S. CIVIL AIR REGULATIONS", WHICH IS ONE OF THE BEST PUBLICATIONS WE HAVE SEEN TO DATE ON THIS SUBJECT. THE MOST RECENT EDITION, ILLUSTRATED, HAS BEEN CORRECTED TO JANUARY 1, 1944, AND IS AVAILABLE AT 50 CENTS PER COPY.

WHOO ISLAND ADVISES THAT CLASSES FOR A GROUP STUDY OF CERTIFICATION SUBJECTS ARE BEING HELD AT THAT STATION THREE EVENINGS PER WEEK. ALTHOUGH THE BULK OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETING CERTIFICATION TRAINING NECESSARILY RESTS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE FORM OF COMPREHENSIVE SELF-STUDY, CLASSES SUCH AS THESE WILL BE FOUND OF GREAT VALUE AND ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED WHEREVER LOCAL CONDITIONS PERMIT.

WASHINGTON CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS, IN QUANTITY, HAVE NOW BEEN MAILED TO ALL FIELD STATIONS. JUDGING FROM RETURNS ALREADY RECEIVED, THE ARRIVAL OF THESE TEST FORMS HAS BEEN ANXIOUSLY AWAITED. WE ARE MAKING A COORDINATED EFFORT TO PROVIDE EXAMINEES WITH THEIR EXAMINATION GRUBS WITH A MINIMUM OF DELAY. A SPECIAL REPORT FORM HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR THIS PURPOSE, WHICH, IN ADDITION TO REPORTING SCORES ATTAINED, INDICATES OUTSTANDING WEAK POINTS ENCOUNTERED BY THE GRADEE.

FRIDAY: BY THIS TIME ALL ARE USED TO HAVING ONE LAZY ENGINE, SO WE JUST WALK 'EM UP AND TAKE OFF FOR HQ. LIKE AN OLD HORSE HEADING FOR THE BARN, THE BARRED THING RUNS THE BEST IT HAS IN 4 DAYS; NOT MUCH POWER, BUT THE NEWER WE GET TO HOME THE BETTER IT RUNS. WE EVEN CONSIDER FEATHERING THE PROP AND COMING IN ON ONE JUST TO CONVINCE HERB WE REALLY HAD TROUBLE WITH IT. WITH A TAIL WIND WE MAKE HQ IN 3:21 AND CAVALRY...SWELL TRIP. WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED IT FOR ALL THE TEA IN CHINA.....

-- MCCREE, A-110

AIRWAYS INSPECTION

THE "JEFFORD AIRWAYS" HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ACTIVE THIS MONTH. THREE PLANNES IN THE AIR AT THE TIME IS A COMMON OCCURRENCE. WHENEVER THE AIR FORCE NEEDS, AIR FREIGHT MOVES OUT FROM HQ AT A RAPID RATE, BUT AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS CHIEF ON JACKSON REPORTS THAT THERE'S PLENTY MORE THAT COMES FROM.

THE CURRENT \$61 QUESTION IS HOW TO GET A 100 CHIPS. WILL IT GO THRU THE DOOR OF THE 100 CHIPS? THE HANGAR CREW AND THE DC-3'S AFTER THE NEW ARRIVING THIS POINT. AL HORNING AND REPAIRS JUST AS SOON LEAVE THE PROBLEM SOLVED. TO DRIVE A JEEP IS HIS ABILITY OF HIS STANDING. HOW ABOUT A TRUCK, WKT ONE HANGAR, OF THE DOUBLE-BREASTED CUG VARIETY, A ONE JEEP.

THE AMERICAN IDEAS OF MARCH ARE CASTING THEIR SHADOW OVER THIS SECTION. OUR OPTIMIST, MARY JENNY, AT FIRST THOUGHT MR. MORRISTHAU WOULD HIS MEET, BUT HE MUST HAVE HAD A DECIMAL POINT IN THE WORKING PLACE, FOR NOW HE, TOO, IS BEING HELD OUT. UNLESS THEY CAN FIND SOME EXCEPTEDLY FOUR POWER PLAYERS, THE BOYS WILL SOON BE REDUCED TO MATCHING NICKELS.

THE HANGAR BOYS CLAIM THAT THEY HAVE A 99 PERCENT CHANCE OF GETTING THE 100 CHIPS. BUT WE NOTICE OUT OF THE WAY. SOUNDS LOGICAL, BUT WE NOTICE THAT "FUZZ" NEVER MOVES AROUND OUT IN THE HANGAR LATELY.

WE FEAR WE ARE WITNESSING A NEW ERUPTION OF THE OLD JEFFORD-HURST FEUD, THAT INTERMITTENT BATTLE WHICH STARTED YEARS AGO IN NEBRASKA, WHEN TWO YOUNG WOULD-BE AIRPLANE SALESMEN TRIED TO STEAL EACH OTHER'S CUSTOMERS. WE HAVE NO RECORD, BUT IT SEEMS NO MORE COINCIDENCE THAT THESE FIVE NEW CLOCKS SUDDENLY WARMED SO MUCH THAT JACK, WORKING OUT A PRACTICE PROBLEM IN DECEMBER NAVIGATION, LOST A NIGHT'S SLEEP. HAVING TO FIGURE OUT WHY HIS BACKPACK WAS 18 POUNDS HEAVIER OF ATTEN AND A FEW DAYS LATER HE RETURNED FROM NONE TO FIND THAT HIS CAR WOULD RUN, BUT ONLY AT GREATLY REDUCED POWER. SUCH EVIDENCE OF SABOTAGE POINTS IN ONLY ONE PRECISION - CIVIL WAR IN AIRWAYS INSPECTION!

TRIP TO BARROW (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

ABOUT 60 SNACKERS PER TON LAID DOWN AT BARROW. WE BUY A YEAR'S GROCERIES AT A TIME. JUST BETWEEN US GUYS, IN THE PLANNING YOUR VENUS A YEAR IN ADVANCE....PEOPLE TALK ABOUT SOUTHERN AFFILIATION AS THE ULTIMATE, BUT IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BARROW BRAND.....

THESE DAYS: A FRAMEWORK HAS BEEN BUILT OVER THE LEFT ENGINE, AND THE CREW WORK ALL MORNING TO GET THE ENGINE RUNNING. K. HAS 5 HUNGRY GUESTS FOR LUNCH. WHILE MARTHA JUNE (AGE 9 MONTHS) WATCHES FROM HER PLAY PEN AND THE REVENGE GETS SO INTERESTED IN THE FLYING TALK HE FORGETS TO EAT....WE TAKE OFF AT 0000Z FOR THE RETURN TRIP, BRINGING ALONG THE MAIL AND OUR CONSTITUTION CHEW....ENGINE BLOWS AND STUTTER MOST OF THE WAY BACK TO YC, BUT THANK HEAVENS IT DOESN'T QUIT ENTIRELY. AS THE MAIL OF OUR CABIN HEAT COMES FROM THAT ONE....THE YC ENGINE TECH FUZZ AND ME "HARSHLEY FOKER", WHICH IS A MISUNDER, AS WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY WHISKEY OR LUCK EITHER.....

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CONSIDERABLE OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL CONCERN HAS BEEN VOICED IN RECENT WEEKS ON THE SUBJECT OF DRAFT DEFERMENTS IN ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES. NATIONAL SELECTIVE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS HAVE ISSUED NUMEROUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH ON THE SURFACE, MAKES IT APPEAR THAT ALL MALE REGISTRANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 26 WILL BE INDUCTED INTO THE ARMED SERVICES REGARDLESS OF MARITAL STATUS OR OCCUPATION. NATURALLY THESE STATEMENTS MUST BE CONSIDERED BY LOCAL BOARDS AND BY APPEAL BOARDS, AND WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THESE SOURCES THAT A NUMBER OF OUR EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN RECLASSIFIED TO 1-A. SELECTIVE SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY OUR PERSONNEL IN THESE AGE GROUPS DIRECTING THEM TO SUBMIT TO PRE-INDUCTION PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS. THIS FACTOR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY OUR PEOPLE AS PARAMOUNT TO INDUCTION, WHEREAS IN REALITY A PRE-INDUCTION PHYSICAL EXAMINATION IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE EMPLOYER MAY FILE APPEAL FROM THE LOCAL BOARD'S CLASSIFICATION.

THIS OFFICE AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE CONSISTENTLY ADVISED ALL CAA PERSONNEL THAT ALL EFFORTS WILL BE MADE IN THEIR BEHALF TO OBTAIN CONTINUED DEFERMENTS FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES ON THE CRITICAL MANPOWER LIST. WE HAVE CONSTANTLY URGED ALL PERSONNEL TO REMAIN ON THEIR ASSIGNED JOBS REGARDLESS OF INITIAL INDICATIONS AND UNTIL EVERY EFFORT ON THEIR BEHALF HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED. THIS REQUEST WAS MADE WITH OUR FULL AND COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE THAT PERSONAL UNREST WOULD STILL EXIST, BUT WITH THE CONFIDENCE THAT OUR EMPLOYEES WERE DEFINITELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE WAR EFFORT IN THE POSITIONS WHICH THEY OCCUPY. THIS OPINION HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIATED IN A RECENT JOINT LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FROM THE SECRETARIES OF WAR AND NAVY, COPIES OF WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO EACH FIELD STATION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

IN CLOSING, I AGAIN URGE ALL MALE EMPLOYEES OF THE EIGHTH REGION TO STAY ON THEIR PRESENT JOBS AND PERFORM THEIR ASSIGNED DUTIES TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES AND THE CONFUSION WHICH MAY NOW BE IN THEIR MINDS DUE TO THE CONTRADICTORY AND INDEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SUBJECT NOW RUMORED OR CONTAINED IN PRESS AND RADIO RELEASES.

W. P. FLETT, ACTING REGIONAL MANAGER

DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS SEVERAL NEWCOMERS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE PERSONNEL AT THE HANGAR -- STANLEY E. WELLMAN, RECENTLY AT NEW CALEDONIA, W. S. (SPRATT) GOMY FROM TEXAS, HELEN GULLINGS OF MONTANA BUT MORE RECENTLY OF SEATTLE.

DURING OUR LAST COLD SPELL SPRATT WAS PROM-ERLY INTRODUCED TO ALASKA SPRINGTIME ACCORDING TO MATT PARRY'S CONCEPTION OF IT. SPRATT HAD QUITE FREQUENTLY COMPARED A TEXAS WINTER AS BEING NO COLDER THAN THIS ALASKA WEATHER. CAME THE DROP IN TEMPERATURE AND THE DOUGLASS HAD TO BE SERVICED OUTSIDE. SPRATT'S FINAL COMMENT, "I'LL BET A FELLOW COULD DRINK A QUART OF STRAIGHT WHISKY AND NEVER EVEN FEEL IT."

NC 5 HAS TAKEN TO THE AIR AGAIN AND WE HOPE WILL STAY THERE FOR A WHILE.

AL HORNING LEFT IN THE CESSNA LAST WEEK FOR MICHITA. IF ALL GOES WELL, THE NEXT ISSUE OF MUKLUK WILL CONTAIN AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

THERE HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT IN THE HEATING SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE HANGAR SINCE FRED AND JIM FINISHED PUTTING IN THE AIR DUCTS AND CEILING. NOW IF SOME KIND SOUL WOULD PUT AN EXTENSION ON THE CHIMNEY BEFORE WE'RE ALL BURIED IN ASH AND HAVE CONTRACTED INDUSTRIAL SILICOSIS (LONG DISEASE THAT MINERS OFTEN GET) WE COULD THINK UP SOMETHING NEW TO GRIP ABOUT.

LAWRENCE NICHOLSON LEFT FOR SEATTLE, WHERE HE EXPECTS TO JOIN THE NAVY. LAWRENCE HAD BEEN WITH US LONG ENOUGH TO REALLY BE ONE OF THE FAMILY.

ON ONE OF JEFFORD'S TRIPS TO NOME HE RETURNED WITH A LIFE SIZED PIN UP GAIL ALONG VARIOUS LINES. DAUGHTER JACKIE SAID, "DADDY, DO YOU KNOW HEART?" ON BEING QUESTIONED SHE SAID SHE THOUGHT SHE'D BE A NICE LADY IF SHE HAD A DRESS ON.

WILD BILL HANSON IS THE ENVY OF THE LOCAL BOYS SINCE HE TURNED UP ONE MORNING IN A NEW ZOOT SUIT.

WHEN JACKSON MOVED INTO HIS NEW OFFICE HE ALSO ACQUIRED A NEW OFFICE GIRL -- NONE OTHER THAN MILDRED HACKETT. CREDIT SHOULD BE GIVEN JACKSON FOR REALLY KNOWING HOW TO PICK HIS WOMEN.

GENE BEATO DREW THE LIVELIEST RECENTLY WHEN HIS PICTURE OF "SPARKY" WON SECOND PRIZE IN THE LOCAL CAMERA CLUB CONTEST.

A FEW MONTHS AGO THE HANGAR CREW STARTED BRINGING THEIR OLD MAGAZINES FOR THE RADIO OPERATORS OUT IN THE FIELD. AND FIND THERE IS A GROWING DEMAND. ANYONE IN TOWN WISHING TO AND MAGAZINES OUT TO THE STATIONS MIGHT LEAVE THEM AT "MAIL AND FILES", WHERE WE WILL PICK THEM UP DAILY. THERE WILL BE NO ROUTINE FOR BRINGING THEM OTHER THAN WHEN THE SHIPS CAN TAKE A FEW ADDITIONAL POUNDS.

WE'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO THIS FOR SOME TIME, JUST TO LET THE REST OF YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS SUCH A PLACE AS BIORKA ISLAND, THAT THERE IS SOMETHING GOING ON AROUND HERE. EVEN THO WE ARE OUT HERE IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN WHERE THE BELLS ROLL IN ON THE DAYS THE BOAT SHOULD MAKE A TRIP AND CAN'T. DON'T ON THE DAYS THAT THE PACIFIC IS CALM CAUSE THAT AIN'T ON THE DAYS SET FOR TRIPS. SO THAT MAKES US THE LAST STATION TO RECEIVE MAIL AND SEND IT OUT.

NOW THAT THINGS ARE BACK IN THE GROOVE, BIG CHIEF WILLIAM YOUNG (YOE-FEE) IS BACK FROM HIS INTENSIVE TRAINING AT ANCHORAGE. LITTLE ASSISTANT CHIEF RICHARD F. DEFOOD HAS LOTS TO GRAB ABOUT BUT STILL GRAPES. THE BIORKA ACTS, THEODOR HARRAT AND ALBERT J. BOUNCED (BUSHMAN), ARE TAKING THINGS IN THEIR STRIDE; ALBERT IS REMAINING ANOTHER SIX TO NINE MONTHS; TED IS DUE TO LEAVE ANY DAY. AS HIS TIME IS LONG PAST AND DONE; OUR NEW TEAM, MRS. MARGARET AND MR. LYLE LERETTE (LA RET), FINISHED THEIR INTENSIVE COURSE OF TRAINING AT SEATTLE, ARRIVED IN GOOD SHAPE AND ARE DOING A FINE JOB. (MAMA, LERETTE SURPRISED US ALL, AND PRESENTED HAPPY PAPA LERETTE WITH A BOUNCING BABY SON SHORTLY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL ON THE ISLAND). OUR NEW RMS, REX MARGHANT, IS TAKING OVER IN FINE SHAPE, EVEN THO WE ARE SHY A PIECE, TWO INSPECTOR HARKLEY SAYS HE WILL STICK AROUND AND HELP AWHILE. FINE GOING. THE CONSTRUCTION CREW FINISHED A SWEET JOB OF ATTEN-ONE INSTALLATION, PLUS CLEANING UP, INSTALLING RANGE LIGHTS, ANOTHER STAND-BY PLANT, AND MANY OTHER JOBS WELL DONE. SO, ALL IN ALL, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SETTLE BACK NOW AND GET IN A NUMBER OF HEAVY LOADS AT THIS INTENSIVE COURSE OF STUDY. ONE SHAWLO, IF THAT, THAT IS THE RUB. IF -- AND THAT LITTLE TWO LETTER WORD STOPS QUITE A FEW WELL PLANNED IDEAS, AND HOLD THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT HAVE COME UP THAT THIS SCRIBER CAN MENTION BUT WON'T. IT WILL ALL COME OUT IN THE WASH.

THERE WILL BE NO LENGTHY DISCUSSION ABOUT OUR ISLAND PARADISE, SHOULD ANY OF YOU REQUIRE THAT INFORMATION, GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. CARROLL. HE LIVED IT SO WELL HERE THAT HE GOT INTO THE HABIT OF WANDERING AROUND THE ISLAND WITH HIS GUN. AS HE WANTED TO WORK OFF ALL THOSE DISCUSSIONS AND BROWN GRAY HE LIVED TO CONSUME, OR AT HIS SPRAINED ANKLE BACK INTO SHAPE, CURED BY A CERTAIN PARTY FROM THE COMMUNICATION SECTION TRIPPING HIM ON THE WAY TO THE LOCAL TRAIL. ONE NIGHT. (METHINKS THE SPRAINING WAS DONE IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE A DARNED GOOD REASON FOR REMAINING HERE WITH US FOR A SPELL. COME ON BACK SOMETIME, MR. CARROLL. THIS SCRIBER WILL FIX IT GOOD NEXT TIME, AND YOU CAN ENJOY A HAPPY AND LONG STAY WITH US).

B. C. N. U.
THE VULTURE

LAST AND 3 FOUND LEFT AT THE HANGAR. ANCHORAGE, A CLOTHES HANGER WITH A FIBER JACKET (DUE TO DRUG) AND TWO PAIR TROUSERS, ONE PAIR BLUE & BROWN AND ONE PAIR GREY.

THE EIGHTH REGION RECENTLY ENJOYED AN OFFICIAL VISIT FROM THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, MR. H. E. HALL, AND FROM MR. C. J. MCINNIS, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL AIRWAYS. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF THE AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH. LOOKING TOWARD THE EARLY ACTIVATION OF THE REALLOCATION OF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE. SINCE THIS REALLOCATION, PREDICATED AND RECOGNIZED ON THE BASIS OF INCREASED DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, HAS BEEN LONG PENDING AND SINCE VOLUMES HAVE BEEN WRITTEN CONCERNING THE SUBJECT (TO SAY NOTHING OF THE NUMEROUS SCANDALS INTO THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CIRCULAR), IT IS WITH CONSIDERABLE PLEASURE THAT WE FEEL FREE TO ANNOUNCE THE ACTIVATION OF A PORTION OF THE REALLOCATION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. (CONFIDENTIAL, PROBABLY APRIL 15, 1944.)

THE PRESENT PLAN IS TO EFFECT THE REALLOCATION OF GRADES IN TWO PHASES: THE FIRST PHASE WILL EMBRACE ALL GRADES UP TO CAF-7, PLUS REALLOCATION OF ALL GRADES AT OVERSEAS STATIONS. THE SECOND PHASE AT INTERSTATE STATIONS, WHEN APPLIED TO THE EIGHTH REGION, MEANS THAT ALL AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS NOW HOLDING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AND POSSESSING CERTAIN "PROMOTING" QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PROMOTION COMPATIBLE WITH ESTABLISHED PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT. IN OTHER WORDS, SCHEDULES A, D, C, AND E WILL BE NAMED BY ASSISTANT AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS, GRADE CAF-7. SCHEDULES B AND G-C WILL BE NAMED BY ASSISTANT AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS, GRADE CAF-7. IT IS READILY SEEN THAT THE FIRST PHASE COULD RESULT IN THE PROMOTION OF SEVERAL AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVING PROMOTIONS TO CAF-7, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST GRADE AT INTERSTATE STATIONS THAT CAN BE PROMOTED IN THIS PHASE, AND THUS RECEIVE THE SAME GRADE AS THAT OF THE CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS.

EVEN WITH THE MEAGER INFORMATION WHICH HAS THUS FAR BEEN DISTRIBUTED CONCERNING THE CURRENT PLAN, REVERBERATIONS ARE IN EVIDENCE AS A RESULT OF THE CHIEF'S FINDING HIMSELF TEMPORARILY IN THE SAME GRADE WITH CERTAIN OF HIS SUBORDINATES. THE SECOND PHASE OF THE REALLOCATION PROGRAM IS RECONCILING, I.E., THE PROMOTION OF CHIEFS TO CAF-5 POSITIONS IN MOST CASES AND IN A FEW ISOLATED CASES, CAF-8 POSITIONS, DEPENDING UPON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FACILITY CONCERNED. COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING THE GRADE STRUCTURES OF THE PRESENT PHASE AND THE FINAL PHASE IS BEING PREPARED FOR CIRCULARIZATION.

OVERSEAS OR FOREIGN STATIONS, SUCH AS ANCHORAGE, WILL RECEIVE COMPLETE REALLOCATION, CONTINGENT UPON OPERATOR CERTIFICATION AND QUALIFICATION, DURING THE FIRST PHASE.

THIS OFFICE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE INFORMATIONS FROM FIELD PERSONNEL WHICH LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT ALL PERSONS ARE NOT THOROUGHLY CONVINCED AS TO THE BASIS OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE'S STATEMENTS THAT WE ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROPER AND SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION OF THE WAR, AND THAT OUR SERVICES ARE REQUIRED BY THE MILITARY, NOT AS SPECIALISTS, WE HAVE A PLACE IN THE GENERAL DEFENSE PLAN. WHILE THESE OPINIONS MAY BE HONEST, THEY ARE WITHOUT A DOUBT NOT REALISTIC, AND DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF A HIGH MORAL STANDARD SO NECESSARY TO COUNTERBALANCE THE UNREST CHARACTERISTIC OF HUMAN BEINGS DURING PERIODS OF NATIONAL CONFLICTS.

IT APPEARS NECESSARY, THEREFORE, TO PEGS ON TO THE FIELD, THROUGH THIS MEDIUM, EXCERPTS FROM AN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPUTY COMMANDER, ALASKA DEPARTMENT, TO THE TERRITORIAL DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE, WHICH SHOULD BEYOND ALL DOUBT SATISFY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS CHOSEN AS A VOCATION SUCH A HIGHLY SPECIALIZED ENDEAVOR AS COMMUNICATIONS, THAT HE IS, AS SUCH, CONTRIBUTING MATERIALLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE WAR EFFORT IN THE ALASKA. "SHOULD CERTAIN KEY CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL BE INDUCTED INTO THE MILITARY SERVICE, A LONG PERIOD WILL ELAPSE BEFORE ADEQUATE REPLACEMENTS COULD BE TRAINED, AS TRAINING WOULD NOW VIRTUALLY REQUIRE STARTING FROM SCRATCH, WITH A CONSEQUENT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE SERVICE RENDERED. AS THE WORK OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION IS QUASI-MILITARY, KEY PERSONNEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR DEFERMENT BY REASON OF THEIR OCCUPATION. . . . SHOULD THEY (THE C.A.A.) FAIL IN THIS RESPECT, SAFETY OF AIRCRAFT FLYING THE ALASKA AIRWAYS WILL BE JEOPARDIZED, AND SINCE SO GREAT A PROPORTION OF FLIGHTS IS MILITARY IN CHARACTER, A DEFINITE BEARING ON THE WAR EFFORT IS INDICATED. FURTHERMORE, SHOULD CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION FAIL IN THIS REGARD IT WOULD BE INCUMBENT UPON THE MILITARY SERVICE TO ASSUME CONTROL OF THESE STATIONS. THIS IT IS NOT PRESENTLY PREPARED TO DO, AS THE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS OF THIS DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN BASED UPON ADEQUATE PERFORMANCE BY THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION. . . . THIS HEADQUARTERS IS INTERESTED NOT ONLY IN THE ABOVE LISTED PERSONNEL, BUT ALSO IN SUCH OTHER EMPLOYEES AS MAY COME UP FOR DEFERMENT IN THE FUTURE."

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED "KEY PERSONNEL".

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THIS OFFICE FEELS THAT IT HAS BEEN JUSTIFIED IN PAST STATEMENTS, AND WILL BE IN FUTURE ONES, THAT WE SHOULD FOREGO OUR PERSONAL PREFERENCES WITH REGARD TO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE DURING THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTE OUR UTMOST THROUGH THE CONTINUANCE OF OUR SPECIALIZED SERVICES SO LONG AS WE ARE MATERIALLY ASSISTING THE MILITARY.

ALLEN D. HULEN
CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

SLOP FROM THE CHENA SLOUGH

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
MARCH 6, 1944

RECEIPT OF VO-OLDE MUKLUK AGAIN BRINGS OUT THE LITERARY URGE AND BEFORE IT WEARS OFF, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO JOT DOWN A FEW ITEMS THAT HAVE COME TO MIND.

FIRST, OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY MUST BE EXTENDED TO "JACK" JEFFORD. HIS IS THE LOT OF A ROLLING STONE. SOMEONE SHOULD TIE HIM DOWN PRETTY SOON, THOUGH, OR OUR BROTHERS OF CAA WILL SOON BE ASKING, "WHO'S THAT GUY?" WHEN HE COMES AROUND. WE HELD A LENGTHY DEBATE ON HIS APPEAL FOR DINES, BUT WHILE ABSENT HE COULDN'T VERY WELL NOTARIZE OUR PAPERS ANYHOW, SO WE FINALLY DECIDED IT JUST WOULDN'T BE A VERY GOOD INVESTMENT.

MRS. KAPLAN'S OBSERVATIONS OF THE TWO HALVES OF THE CAC SCHOOL, AND HER DEDUCTIONS, WERE DULY NOTED. PIONEERING IS ALWAYS ROUGH IN SPOTS AND WE OF THE FIRST CLASS ARE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE PAVED THE WAY FOR OUR SUCCESSORS, LEAVING THEM NO PITFALLS NOT THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND WITH AN ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED GROUP OF MEETING PLACES FOR THOSE AFTER THE-SCHOOL CONFERENCES. NO DOUBT OUR DILIGENT EFFORTS CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR SUBSEQUENT WELFARE.

WE'D SURELY LIKE TO HAVE TAKEN IN THAT SADIE HAWKINS DANCE - BUT NOT HAVING THE TIME OFF NOR THE TRAVEL ORDERS, IT WAS NECESSARY TO FOREGO THAT PLEASURE. HANK LALLY'S ABSENCE ON THE DANCE COMMITTEE WAS NOT ICE-BLE, SEEING HIS BOSS' PAL "GEORGE" WAS WELL REPRESENTED. WHAT'S THE MATTER, HANK? SCARED YOU COULDN'T RUN FAST ENOUGH - OR WOULDN'T THEY GIVE YOU A JOB LIKE GEORGE'S, WHERE YOU COULD LOCK THE DOOR?

RECENT ARRIVALS AT FX INCLUDE JOHN A. BOLAND - WELCOME, JOHN - AND MARGARET AND JAMES N. TEALE - THE SAME TO YOU. THE TEALES SAY THEY'RE GLAD TO BE "HOME"; AND WE HOPE THAT ALL OF THEM WILL THRIVE IN THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT.

OUR CHIEF, ADH, WAS A RECENT VISITOR, BUT HIS SOJOURN HERE WAS MUCH TOO SHORT. WE HOPE TO SEE HIM AGAIN FOR A LONGER TIME, NOW THAT WE'VE CAUGHT OUR BREATH.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: THE FOLLOWING CAME IN JUST IN TIME TO BE INCLUDED IN THE APRIL MUKLUK.)

IF PASTRO, WHO RECENTLY PASSED THROUGH FX ENROUTE TO PM, COULD HAVE SPENT MORE TIME AT FX HE WOULD HAVE REALIZED WHERE WE GET THE FINE (?) ITEMS FOR THIS ARTICLE. PERHAPS IF WE GAVE HIM A LITTLE HISTORY OF THIS COLUMN, HE MIGHT BE ENLIGHTENED SOMEWHAT AS TO ITS SOURCE OF INSPIRATION (?)--

EX-CHIEF MCMURRAY TIGGED THE "SLOP FROM THE CHENA SLOUGH" TITLE TO THIS COLUMN, AND DID A VERY FINE JOB FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS STAY. HOWEVER, SINCE HIS DEPARTURE, WE MISS HIS SENSE OF SUBTLE HUMOR AND ABILITY TO FIND THINGS TO WRITE ABOUT - SO, IT HAS BECOME MORE OR LESS A MATTER OF "MAY THE BEST MAN WIN".

SPEAKING OF FINE WRITE-UPS IN THIS PAPER, WE NOTE THE COLUMN "BEAN SPROUTS" HAS SOMETHING VERY FAMILIAR ABOUT IT. WE WONDER?

DEAR OLD FX IS AGAIN IN THE THROES OF REJUVENATION. CONSTRUCTION HAS JAMMED US DOWN TO THE MERE NECESSITIES AS FAR AS SPACE IS CONCERNED. SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES IN THE FORMER AACC BUILDING! WE WON'T KNOW OURSELVES IN THE NEW ONE, AND SEVERAL OF THE PERSONNEL HAVE THREATENED TO PURCHASE ROLLER-SKATES WHEN WE MOVE. CONSTRUCTION HAS ALL THE SIDING AND MOST OF THE INSULATION TORN OUT AND DURING A COOL SPELL WE WERE PRESENTED WITH:

"IT'S THE EVE OF APRIL FOOL'S DAY,
AND AT THE 'FX' SHACK
THE AIR IS COLD; THE ICY MIND
COMES WHISTLING THROUGH THE CRACKS."

"THE BOYS ARE MUMBLIN' IN THEIR BEARDS
ABOUT THE ICY BREEZE,
MIGHT 'JUST AS WELL BE WORKIN'
IN THE SNOW-AMONG THE TREES."

LE'NVOI

"AND STILL WE WORK AND STAY AROUND
ALTHOUGH WE RAISE A FUSS;
TOMORROW THEY WILL CELEBRATE
THE DAY THAT'S NAMED FOR US!"

(ANONYMOUS)

SEEMS RATHER ODD TO HAVE A MONTH GO BY WITHOUT SEEING ANY NEW FACES AROUND HERE. NORMALLY WE LOSE OR GAIN OPERATORS IN BLANCHES, BUT THE TURN-OVER FOR THE LAST MONTH IS NIL. HOWEVER, THERE ARE A FEW TRANSFERS PENDING, AND THE FUTURE PROMISES US SEVERAL PERSONNEL CHANGES.

IN THE PAST WE HAVE PUBLISHED BLUNDERS MADE AT THE MIKE --- SUCH AS "Y-YOKE, C-CORREL", "BETHEL, MITHING", ETC. NOW WE HAVE A NEW ONE TO OFFER: "O-JUDGE". WE ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS "GEORGE", EH, BERT?

SPRING HAS ALMOST ARRIVED AT FAIRBANKS. THE SUN SHINES FROM DAWN TO DUSK NOW, RATHER THAN FROM DUSK TO DUSK, AND THE WEATHER HAS BECOME MILD AND BALMY. THE SNOW HAS BECOME SLOPPY, SOMEWHAT, AND SOON WE WILL HAVE THE FLOODS AGAIN. AFTER TAKING SEVERAL RATHER SKEPTICAL GLANCES AT THE SNOW PILED AROUND WE WONDER IF WE WON'T HAVE TO REALLY "ISWIN" THIS YEAR.

WE HAVE HAD A NOTE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR MONTHS NOW. IT HAS BEEN OUR INTENTION TO LET EVERYONE READ IT, BUT FOR SOME REASON IT HAS ALWAYS SLIPPED OUR MIND. NOW, HOWEVER, HERE IS INFORMATION THAT IS CONTAINED IN THAT NOTE. TO IT IS ATTACHED ONE OF OUR UNCLE SAM'S NEAREST PENNIES --

"THIS RARE ITEM IS KNOWN AS A 'PENNY' OR 'CENT' AND IS IN COMMON USE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (SO WE'VE BEEN TOLD) BUT IS RARELY SEEN IN THE TERRITORY, HAVING NO MONETARY VALUE EXCEPT AN HISTORICAL CURIOSITY. IN THE STATES IT CORRESPONDS ROUGHLY TO THE ALASKAN SILVER DOLLAR IN VALUE."

IF MR. WHITTAKER'S KCAAS REGARDING A VISITOR EXPECTED FROM WASHINGTON D. C. HAD THE SAME EFFECT ON OTHER STATIONS AS IT DID JIG EASY, THE WHOLE COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL MUST BE IN AN AWFUL DITHER THESE DAYS. THE BOYS AND GALS AT JIG EASY MADE A DIVE FOR THE BOOK-SHELF JUST AS SOON AS THE KCAAS HAD BEEN READ, AND THEY HAVE HAD THEIR HEADS THERE EVER SINCE. ANOTHER THING THAT MAY BE PECULIAR TO JIG EASY IS THAT WE HAVE ENLISTED THE SERVICES OF JIG EASY WEATHER BUREAU FORECASTERS IN A PROGRAM WHEREBY WE HAVE LECTURES TWO EVENINGS WEEKLY ON THE WONDERS AND MYSTERIES OF "METEOROLOGY FOR PILOTS". WE HAVE THE THIRD LECTURE COMING UP COMING MONDAY MARCH 12TH. WE HAVE OBTAINED THE USE OF A SCHOOLROOM LOCATED IN THE JIG EASY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND HAVE INVITED PERSONNEL OF PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, ALASKA COASTAL AIRLINES, WEATHER BUREAU, ARMY OPERATIONS AND TOWER TO ATTEND IF THEY SO DESIRE, ALTHOUGH THERE SEEMS TO BE A SHORTAGE OF TEXTBOOKS FOR ALL CONCERNED. THE FIRST LECTURE WAS HELD AT THE CAC'S RESIDENCE, ACCOUNT NO OTHER PLACE HAD BEEN LOCATED BEFORE THAT TIME.

THIS SCRIBE HEARS THAT MILLER FROM VICTOR YOKO WAS IN TOWN FOR ABOUT TWELVE HOURS THE OTHER DAY, BUT NEITHER HIDE NOR HIDE WAS SEEN OF HIM. BET FOUR BITS I KNOW WHO THE INSTIGATORS OF THAT TRIP WERE, AND I DO MEAN "ABOUT AND MOOD". ALSO, IMAGINE THERE WERE SOME BIG HEADS THE NEXT DAY.

OH YES! NEARLY FORGOT. YOU GUYS ON OCT 301. HOW'S THIS FOR EFFICIENCY? JIG EASY RECEIVED TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN KCDN GOOKS OUT OF TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN TRANSMITTED FOR PERIOD FEBRUARY 27TH TO MARCH 11TH, BUT DO YOU KNOW HOW QUEEN AND MR. BASSLER WOULD BELIEVE IT?

SINCE KODIAK GAVE A BOOST TO THEIR COMMUNITY IT SEEMS ONLY FITTING THAT WE DO A LITTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORK. TO BEGIN WITH, ALL REPORTS AND RUMORS TO THE CONTRARY, THE SUN DOES SHINE HERE. IN FACT IT HAS BEEN SO DARNED BRIGHT THAT THE MID OPERATORS HAVE GIVEN UP HOPE OF EVER GETTING A GOOD DAY'S SLEEP. THE FLOWERS WERE STILL BLOOMING THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW TROP IS ALREADY OUT OF THE GROUND FOR THIS SPRING. FORTUNATELY WE LIVE IN AN APARTMENT SO WE ARE SPARED THE MOULDING OF A LAWN ALL WINTER, BUT IT IS TRUE AS GOSPEL THAT SOME OF THEM ARE WEARING THEIR SUMMER CLOTHES ALREADY. SOMEONE IS GOING TO SUGGEST THAT WE THINK WE ARE IN FLORIDA INSTEAD OF A SUBURB OF SEATTLE. OUR ONLY ANSWER IS, YOU SHOULD PAY US A VISIT AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

ANOTHER SELLING POINT IN FAVOR OF OUR STATION IS THAT WE MAKE THE WORLD'S WORST COFFEE. GOOD TO THE FIRST DROP, IS OUR MOTTO. WHEN THE FIRST ONE DROPS WE WILL HAVE THE CORNER OF AN AUTOPSY TO SEE IF HIS "KIDNERS" ARE STAINED AS BADLY AS OUR COFFEE CUPS. IF SO, WE WILL GIVE YOU THE RECIPE. SO YOU NORTHERN SCOUNDRELS CAN SAVE MONEY ON WOLF POISON.

A BOUQUET TO SHEEP MOUNTAIN FOR SUGGESTING THAT THE "DITTY DUM DUM DITTYS" HEARD WHEN THE TRAINEE FROZE ON THE KEY CAME FROM SOME LIDS.

MAINTENANCE UNIT WELCOMES ANN BRENNAN FROM NEW YORK CITY, WHO HAS TAKEN MILLIE'S (MORRIS) JOB, SHE HAVING TRANSFERRED DOWN TO SIGNA BRANCH OFFICE. ANN IS RESIDING IN THE CJA ANNEX AND DOESN'T MIND THE WALK TO AND FROM WORK. PERHAPS AFTER THE SUBWAY JAMS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO GET OUT AND "STERN".

JAMES ALEXANDER, RECENTLY OF FAIRBANKS, IS GOING TO SETTLE DOWN IN ANCHORAGE. OR PERHAPS WE SHOULD SAY "HIS WIFE IS" AS HE WILL BE TRAVELLING IN HIS NEW CAPACITY OF PRINCIPAL GENERAL MECHANIC (RELIEF).

THEODORE HAHM IS TRANSFERRING FROM COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH TO THE MAINTENANCE UNIT AS PRINCIPAL RADIO ELECTRICIAN AT NOME. HAHM HAS BEEN DOWN AT BIORNA ISLAND AS CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR.

TED AUSTRAMAN, WHO HAS BEEN SENIOR GENERAL MECHANIC AT FAIRBANKS FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS, HAS TAKEN OVER THE DUTIES OF RESIDENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR AT THAT STATION. ROGER MATHESEN, THE FORMER RMS, IS OF NECESSITY BECOMING RATHER WELL ACQUAINTED WITH OUR CITY, AS NO TRANSPORTATION BACK TO HIS HOME IN COLUMBIA, S. C. HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

ANOTHER SIX-MONTH VOLUNTEER IN THE MAINTENANCE UNIT TO SEVER HIS CONNECTIONS WITH ALASKA IS NORBERT FLECHNER, WHO HAS PUT IN HIS TIME AT GAMMELL AS ACTING RMS.

JIG EASY ADULTIUM
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THE FOLLOWING DAY OUR RMS WAS QUIZZED AS TO WHAT THE PUNENT SMELL MIGHT BE THAT EMANATED FROM THE MAINTENANCE ROOM. HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD A GOLF AND HAD NOT NOTICED ANY PARTICULAR SMELL, BUT UPON EXAMINATION FOUND THE CONTENTS OF HIS DESK THOROUGHLY LACQUERED WITH CHEESE, A CONSIDERATION OF MOLASSES. IF THAT CHEESE COULD HAVE MELTED ANYMORE, IT WOULD HAVE FROM THE HEAT RADIATED FROM THE RMS.

BET JIG EASY HAS MORE "RED HEADS" PER CAPITA THAN ANY OTHER STATION. WHAT WITH CAC RED PRIDE, RED DYER AND RED EICKHOFF. CAN ANYONE "TROP" THIS?

FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUR DOUBTING CAC'S AROUND THE TERRITORY LET IT BE KNOWN THAT PRICE WAS SEEN THIS PAST MONTH IN THE VERTICAL, AND UNDER HIS OWN POWER, AND NOT AS SO MALICIOUSLY STATED IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF MOK MUK.

BY THE WAY, YOU SHOULD SEE KAZRAGIS BEFORE AND AFTER CLIMBING OVER WENDEHALL GLACIER - ESPECIALLY HIS AFTER, AFTER SLIDING DOWN THE FACE OF IT.

DON'T ASK ME HOW HE DOES IT, BUT THAT EICKHOFF GETS MORE STUFF DONE. IN TWO LONG DAYS HE BUSTED THE COFFEE POT AND LATER JIG EASY

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ANXIOUSLY AWAITED ARE THE NEW TRAINEES. NEW SMILING FACES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

VISITORS TO JQ THIS MONTH WERE RALPH THOMAS, G. CARR, WELCH, YOU 4-5-6-7-8-9. A VICTOR STANDING OUT BY HIMSELF WAS THAD BRYAN, WHO DID MORE THAN HIS SHARE OF GOOD DEEDS. NOT FORGETTING THAT BOTTLE, TB - IT WAS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED BY ALL.

ALASKA PROGRESS! FOR BETTER OR WORSE, THE FIRST CLEARANCE FROM ATC THROUGH JQ TO AIRCRAFT WAS HANDLED MARCH 9. SINCE THEN MANY HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE BUG.

A REAL PROBLEM AT JQ IS, WHERE THE WICK DOES ALL THE SNOG GLOW TO (SIDES) AROUND THE HOUSES? HOWEVER, THE LAST CROP APPEARS TO BE HOLDING ITS OWN.

THE "LITTLE MOOSE" HUNTING ACTIVITIES HAVE DIMINISHED. REASON, TOO MUCH EXERCISE PICKING THEM BACK. (BETTER KNOWN AS JACK RABBITS IN SOME PARTS OF THE GLOBE.)

WORDS FALL US AT THIS POINT. WILL REPAIR THE TYPEWRITER BEFORE NEXT EDITION.

- UNIT 99

JACK REICH HAS PLANS FOR DEPARTING HQ AS SOON AS TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE. JACK HAS BEEN WITH RADIO ESTABLISHMENT FOR ABOUT 10 MONTHS. HE IS CALIFORNIA-BORN.

ALFRED WARREN, ANOTHER RADIO ESTABLISHMENT, HAS JUST ARRIVED IN ANCHORAGE FROM COLD BAY, BUT WILL TARRY BUT A SHORT TIME BEFORE HOPING OFF FOR FOREST HILLS, L. I. I WHICH IS HIS HOME.

WE SEE DAVE KING IS BACK FROM BETHEL. DAVE IS "SWEATING OUT" HIS WIFE'S ARRIVAL FROM THE STATES.

ALVA BRITTON, WHO WILL BE WORKING FOR THE MAINTENANCE UNIT, SPRUNG A SURPRISE BY ANNOUNCING HIS MARRIAGE LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 1 (BUT THIS IS NO JOKE!). SORRY WE DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER DETAILS ON THE EVENT.

WHAT'S THIS WE SEE, BRUCE LAHR - YOU RIDING HOME IN THE BACK OF A TRUCK? IS THAT THE WAY YOU GET YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL? ALL KIDDING ASIDE, WE UNDERSTAND BRUCE DOES WALK HOME FOR LUNCH EVERY NOON FOR THE EXERCISE.

GRACE LAHR LIL

GRACE LAHR OF ENGINEERING DATA HAS BEEN ON THE SICK LIST LATELY, EVEN TAKING A FEW DAYS REST CURE IN THE HOSPITAL, BUT WITH THE COMING OF SPRING WEATHER AND THE ANTICIPATED EARLY RETURN OF HER HUSBAND, WE THINK SHE'LL FEEL UP QUITE A BIT.

FOR SOME TIME WE HAVE BEEN HEARING ALL KINDS OF RUMORS TO THE EFFECT THAT MAYNARD TAYLOR HAS BEEN HOOKED AT LAST. EVEN THOUGH HE STILL WON'T ADMIT IT, WE HEAR IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. THE WEDDING TOOK PLACE IN SEWARD ABOUT APRIL 11TH -- HER MAIDEN NAME, MISS LAVAN PEARL BENG -- AND A RIGHT PURTY GIRL, TOO, MAYNARD. CONGRATULATIONS.

URSULA STRICKER COCHRAN AND HER SERGEANT HAD A HARD TIME GETTING THE TRAIN STARTED, BUT AT LAST THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO CALIFORNIA.

WE SAW OUR FRIEND "MOOSEWATH" MCLEIN FOR ABOUT 2 DAYS ON HIS WAY FROM JUNEAU TO BIG DELTA -- AN ENGINEER WHO REALLY GETS AROUND.

OUR DRAFTING ROOM SURE HAS PERKED UP SINCE THE ADDITION OF MARY BOULDER. SHE'S JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE ANNE ROGERS BACK ON THE JOB AGAIN AFTER HER VISIT IN THE STATES.

MR. GOODWIN'S OFFICE HAS A FINE NEW ADDITION IN THE PERSON OF LOVELLY MARY GORLEY, WHO HAILS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE -- ONE OF THOSE SOUTHERN GALS THE NORTHERN GALS HEAR SO MUCH ABOUT. IT'S EASY TO SEE WHY MARY IS A SAMPLE.

TEXAS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A TWO MONTHS' DISPUTE ENDS IN A COMPROMISE. HERE'S PART OF THAT TEXAS ARTICLE, SENT STIMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR THE COMPLETE, UNABRIDGED VERSION.)

TEXAS OCCUPIES ALL OF THE CONTINENT OF NORTH AMERICA EXCEPT FOR A SMALL PART SET ASIDE FOR THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND MEXICO. TEXAS OWNS THE NORTH HALF OF THE RIO GRANDE, ONE OF THE FEW RIVERS IN THE WORLD OF WHICH FOR 18 YEARS ONE BANK WAS MET AND THE OTHER DRY. TEXAS IS BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY 25 OR 30 STATES, ON THE EAST BY ALL OF THE OCEANS EXCEPT THE PACIFIC, ON THE SOUTH BY THE GULF OF MEXICO AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND ON THE WEST BY THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND ALL THE REST OF THE WORLD.

TEXAS IS SO BIG THAT THE PEOPLE IN BROWNSVILLE CALL THE DALLAS PEOPLE YANKEES, AND THE CITIZENS OF EL PASO SPEAK OF THE RESIDENTS OF TEXARKANA AS BEING "EFFETE EASTERNESS". THE UNITED STATES WITH TEXAS LEFT OUT WOULD LOOK LIKE A THREE LEGGED BOSTON TERRIER.

THE CHIEF OCCUPATION OF THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS IS TO TRY TO KEEP FROM MAKING ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD, AND AT THAT THE WEALTH OF TEXAS INCREASED \$1995 BETWEEN 1900 AND 1927. AT ONE TIME TEXAS WAS SO WILD THAT NOT EVEN THE PURSUIT OF GRAVITATION WAS OBEYED. AND THE CHIEF PUNISHMENT OF THE TEXANS WAS INDIAN, BUT NOW IT IS GROP RECORDS AND DEMOCRATIC MAJORITIES.

TEXANS ARE SO PROUD OF THE LONE STAR STATE

THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING -- THAT IS THAT BLOOM IN THE BEAUTIFUL SPRING. ALL THIS JUST TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE THRIFTY VEGETABLE GARDEN BEING GROWN IN ROOM 231, AND SO CAREFULLY TENDED BY THE ANDERSON-MCDONALD DUET. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE PUBLIC, HOWEVER, THAT THE TOMATOES NEVER WILL DEVELOP UNLESS THE CUCUMBER BURNS ARE WEEDED OUT. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO MARIE, EVEN A BLOSSOM ON A BURN WOULD BE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT.

THAT DUAL PERSONALITY OF JOHN BROADWELLS GOT A REAL WORKOUT LAST WEEK, AS HE ASSUMED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION UNIT FOR AN AFTERNOON. WHO ELSE, WE ASK, COULD SO ABLY FILL THE SEATS OF 5 MEN AT ONE TIME?

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE EFFECT THAT OUR WARM SPRING WEATHER IS HAVING ON ADRIAN P. R. "SHORTY" LOVELLY? HE, TOO, SEEMS TO BE BLOSSOMING OUT -- SLICK COMBED HAIR, FLASHY TIE, ETC. AM CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT, AND PARTICULARLY, WHAT THE ATTRACTION IS.

MISS BERNICE BLACK IS THE ATTRACTIVE "ENGINEER" RECENTLY ADDED TO THE MATERIALS SECTION (AS IF YOU HADN'T ALREADY FOUND OUT). SHE HAILS FROM THE SEATTLE AREA AND SEEMS TO HAVE ALREADY ADAPTED HERSELF TO THIS BEAUTIFUL AMORPHOUS WEATHER. SHE ENJOYS HARD WORK, BUT REPORTS THAT HER EVENINGS ARE MUCH BUSIER THAN FROM 8 UNTIL 5. FOR MORE PARTICULARS, SUGGEST YOU CALL 56 AND ASK FOR "BERNICE".

AM JUST A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SET ENGINEER E. I. CLANGY MADE WITH GEORGE K. AND JERRY HOWARD AS TO THE DATE OF COMPLETING THE WILLIAM HOW COST ACCOUNTING. THE TIME LIMIT IS ABOUT UP, AND FROM LATEST REPORTS, CLANGY IS NOT QUITE FINISHED WITH THE JOB.

WHO IS GOING TO TAKE LEE CONNERS' PLACE AT PETER MIKE NOW THAT LEE HAS TAKEN OVER A DESK AOR?

THAT THEY CANNOT SLEEP AT NIGHT. THE WORD "TEXAS" IS OF INDIAN ORIGIN AND MEANS FRIENDS, AND THE TEXAS PEOPLE ARE THAT WAY UNLESS YOU TAKE A SLAM AT THEIR STATE. IF YOUR FRONT GATE IS NOT AT LEAST EIGHTEEN MILES FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR, YOU DO NOT BELONG TO SOCIETY AS CONSTITUTED IN TEXAS. DOWN ON THE KING RANCH THE FRONT GATE IS 150 MILES FROM THE FRONT PORCH AND THE OWNER IS THINKING OF MOVING THE HOUSE BACK SO AS NOT TO BE ANNOYED BY PASSING AUTOMOBILES.

IF ALL THE COTTON GROWN IN TEXAS WERE BALLED AND BUILT INTO A STAIRWAY, IT WOULD REACH TO THE PEARLY GATES. IF ALL THE OIL PRODUCED IN TEXAS LAST YEAR WERE MADE INTO GASOLINE, IT WOULD RUN A WELL-KNOWN MAKE OF CAR THROUGHOUT ETERNITY. IF ALL THE TEXAS STEERS WERE ONE STEER, HE COULD STAND WITH HIS FRONT FEET IN THE GULF OF MEXICO AND HIS HANDS IN THE HUDSON BAY, AND WITH HIS HORNS BRUSH THE MISTS OFF THE AURORA. BORELL IS.

OF THE "BOSS" IN THOSE DAYS WAS SUCH THAT HISTORY WOULD NOT RECORD IT, DUE NO DOUBT TO ITS OWN SELF RESPECT. CONSEQUENTLY, WE MUST PASS OVER THIS PHASE VERY LIGHTLY. THE SYSTEM OF ONE HUMAN REPEATING ANOTHER'S YAF-YAF WORKED FINE EXCEPT THAT THE HUMAN ELEMENT ENTERED IN AND ONE COMMUNICATOR SAID TO HIMSELF, "WHY NOT TEACH MY PARROT TO DO THIS WHILE I REGFULLY RELINE AMONG THE COOL GREEN FERNS AND PEACEFULLY ENTERTAIN MY SLUMBERING? THUS, THE STICKER OF SLEEPINESS DRAPE ITSELF AROUND THE COMMUNICATOR AND THERE IT REMAINS TO THIS DAY.

AGES AND AGES LATER WE FIND SPEED AND MORE SPEED IN COMMUNICATIONS BEING A PRIME REQUISITE AND HISTORY RECORDS HOW A RULING MONARCH, KING KONG IV, SET UP A JOB DESCRIPTION TO PROVIDE FOR A FASTER METHOD OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND ONE WHEREIN A HUMAN ELEMENT COULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. QUOTE FREQUENTLY THE PARROT INJECTED ADJECTIVES OF HIS OWN INTO THE MESSAGE, AND AT OTHER TIMES THE PARROT WOULD "GLADLY" TO A SLINKY FEMALE WITH SILKEN FEATHERS AND A DOVE-LIKE VOICE, BUT WHO WAS ACTUALLY A SPY, THEREFORE MAKING THE BEARER OF THE MESSAGE A SPY, OR IN OTHER WORDS -- BIRDS OF A FEATHER. HENCE THE NEW JOB DESCRIPTION.

FROM THIS THERE EMERGED THE GRAPEVINE, A SYSTEM WHEREBY THE VINES BETWEEN ADJOINING TREES WOULD BE JERRED, THEREBY CLOSING THE OCCUPANT OF THE CONNECTING TREE TO FALL AND LOSE HIS SENSE OF HUMOR, WHICH WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE AGE WHEREIN THE RECEIVER OF A MESSAGE LOOKED AT THE COMMUNICATOR WITH AN ANGRY CLARE.

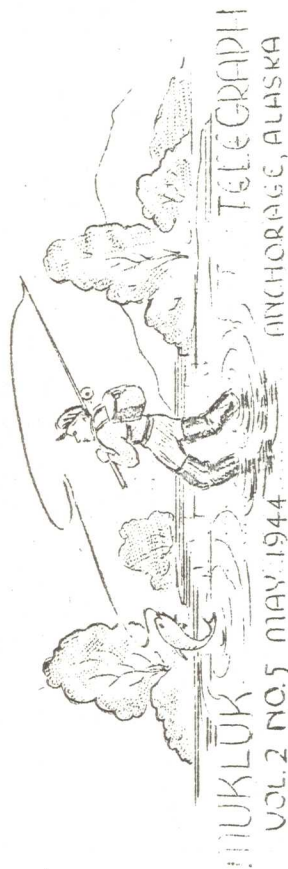
THIS GRAPEVINE SYSTEM FOUND PRACTICAL APPLICATION FOR MANY YEARS AND IS STILL IN USE IN MANY COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES AND/OR FOREIGN POSSESSIONS EVEN TO THIS DATE. NOTABLE AMONG THESE IS ALASKA, WHERE A GIANTIC NETWORK OF 20TH CENTURY GRAPEVINE IS DAILY OPERATING, BUT DUE TO THE VAST DISTANCES TO BE COVERED IN THAT LAND, MESSAGES ARE QUITE FREQUENTLY GARBLED AND THE RECIPIENT NEVER TAKES THEM AT FACE VALUE.

ONE GREAT DISADVANTAGE OF THE GRAPEVINE IS THAT THE CONSTANT JUGGLING OF THE GRAPEVINE DISTURBS THE YOUNG, ADOLESCENT GRAPE, THIS HAS A TENDENCY TO MAKE THE GRAPE ANGRY, HENCE "GRAPE'S OF WRATH", AND AS A "WRATHFUL GRAPE" LOSTS SOME OF ITS SWEETNESS, WE FIND THE EXPRESSION "SOUR GRAPE" PROMINENT IN THE VOCABULARY OF THE COMMUNICATOR, PARTICULARLY AMONG THOSE WHO OPERATE THE GRAPEVINE TELEGRAPH.

THE EVOLUTION FROM THE GRAPEVINE TO THE HELIOGRAPH (GREEK "HELIOS", MEANING "SUN" AND "GRAPHIA", MEANING "TO WRITE") WAS A NATURAL, JUST AS 5 AND 6 SPOTS SIGNIFY ALL GRAY ON THE FIRST POLL (DO YOU WANT BUTTER ON IT TOO?).

THE GREEKS USED THE HELIOGRAPH TO A GREAT EXTENT, AS WE FIND THE GREEKS HAD A WORD FOR IT, BUT THE USE OF THE HELIOGRAPH HAD ITS LIMITATIONS, MOSTLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT A SUN WAS REQUIRED TO SUPPLY THE ILLUMINATING FACTOR, AND IN MUCH AS THE WEATHER BECAUSE OF THAT DAY HAD NOT ATTAINED THEIR PRESENT HIGH STANDARD OF PERFECTION, WE FIND THAT QUITE FREQUENTLY WHEN IT WAS DARK, WE SEND AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE THERE WAS NO SUN. OTHER COUNTRIES JUDGED THE HELIOGRAPH, AMONG THOSE BEING THE COUNTRIES WHERE THE SUN FOR "SUN" IS "SOL". LATER THE EGYPTIANS STARTED USING HELIOGRAPHS AND AS THEY COULD NOT PRONOUNCE "SOL", PROPERLY, THE WORD WAS SLURRED INTO SOMETHING THAT SOUNDED LIKE "SOUP", HENCE THE COMMON EXPRESSION "NO MESSAGE, NO SOUP", MEANING THAT THE EGYPTIANS HAD NO SUN.

(CONTINUED NEXT MONTH UNLESS THE AUTHOR IS MURDERED IN THE MEANTIME.)



MERRILL FIELD BREAKFAST CLUB MEETS

THE MERRILL FIELD BREAKFAST CLUB HELD ITS SECOND MEETING AT SIX THIRTY AM MAY ELEVENTH AT THE ANCHORAGE GRILL.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CLUB, HELD TWO WEEKS AGO, BROUGHT OUT FOURTEEN MERRILL FIELDERS AND THE GROWING POPULARITY OF THE CLUB IS ATTESTED BY A TURNOUT OF THIRTY EARLY RISERS AT THE SECOND MEETING.

MR. C. E. PLANK, CHIEF OF THE PRESS SECTION OF THE CAA INFORMATION AND STATISTICS SERVICE, ADDRESSED THE GROUP. MR. PLANK'S Lively talk was enthusiastically received by all hands. TALKING ON POST WAR AVIATION IN THE TERRITORY, MR. PLANK ALSO HAD NEWS OF THE SUCCESS OF OUR RECENT ACCOMPLISHED PROGRAM. STATING HE HAD ATTENDED TUESDAY MEETING CLUBS THAT MET ON THURSDAY AND NINE BREAKFAST CLUBS, HE STILL FELT THAT BEING THIS MANY PEOPLE AT A BREAKFAST CLUB AT 6:30 AM IS THE DEREDEST THING I EVER SAW. MR. PLANK ALSO HAD SOME INTERESTING VIEWS ON RIDING PACKING BOXES ON CAA PLANE DURING HIS NUMEROUS TRIPS ABOUT THE TERRITORY. PROVING OF A VERY VERSATILE NATIVE, MR. PLANK ALSO HAD Sidelights ON A CHIL-USE HOUSEBOY, PARATROOPERS, POST-WAR FAMILY AIRPLANES AND A COLOSSAL ALASKAN PILOT BRIEF-ING ROOM.

JIM HURST OF THE "HAPPY ACTION TRACTION ACTION AIR SERVICE" ALSO GAVE A BRIEF TALK (ABOUT FIVE WORDS) BUT PROMISED TO BE ON THE ALERT WITH SOMETHING OF A MORE LENGTHY NATURE NEXT TIME.

HERB ENBERG AND DIXIE HAINES WILL HAVE PLANS FORMED FOR A CLUB FISHING TRIP FOR THE NEXT MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR THE PRESTO CAFE, MAY 25TH AT 6:30 AM.

THOSE PRESENT WERE W. T. ERNST, A. E. MOOREHEAD, MRS. E. N. BERATO, ED JARVI, MRS. F. JEFFERSON, MRS. E. HUFFMAN, BILL BARBER, C. D. JEFFORD, DASH DAHL, G. CUTLER, R. H. FINEGOLD, DOT KOEGLER, DOROTHY REVELL, GEORGE HOLLINGS-HEAD, LEON KIPPEL, JEAN JOHNSON, VIRGIL LAMB, E. J. BYSTEDT, CLIFF ANDERSON, D. WARD, S. H. ANDERSON, HERB ENBERG, W. HANSON, MISS EDNA THOMPSON, MR. AND MRS. JIMMIE HAINES, R. RIE-DEL, MR. AND MRS. JIM HURST AND SPEAKER OF THE DAY C. E. PLANK.

CEMOOTES

KCAA V CEMO INT K. OKAY. HERE GOES. THERE SEEMS TO BE A WIDE MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE RADIOGRAPH CIRCUITS REGARDING THE CORRECT USAGE OF THE POSITION INT AND IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE TO ENDEAVOR TO CLARIFY EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS. THE FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FROM BASIC FIELD MANUAL FM 24-10, PARAGRAPH 51:

INT "INTERROGATORY". A. INT, PRECEDES POSITIONS AND OPERATING SIGNALS, INDICATED THAT THE MATTER TO FOLLOW IS IN THE FORM OF A QUESTION. FOR EXAMPLE, KEOU, REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM KCDW TO TRANSMIT, SENDS: KCDW V KEOU INT K. KEOU, WISHING TO ASCERTAIN IF HIS SIGNALS ARE RECEIVABLE AT KCDW, SENDS: KCDW V REQ INT QRK, ETC.

B. INT, PRECEDING A PORTION OF A PREVIOUS TRANSMISSION, MEANS: "IS MY RECEPTION OF THIS CORRECT?" FOR EXAMPLE KCDW HAVING RECEIVED A DATE TIME GROUP IN A DISPATCH FROM KEOU BUT NOT BEING SURE THAT HE RECEIVED IT CORRECTLY WOULD TRANSMIT: KEOU V KCDW INT 101005 K. IF THIS WAS CORRECT AS SENT, KEOU WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE BY SENDING "C", WHICH MEANS, "YOU ARE CORRECT".

IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT INT DOES NOT MEAN "REPEAT" AND SHOULD NOT BE USED TO REQUEST A REPEAT OF ANY PART OF A MISSED TRANSMISSION.

THE POSITION INT IS PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE AND ALL REQUESTS FOR REPEATS OF A GROUP/PS OR AN ENTIRE TRANSMISSION SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY INT. FOR EXAMPLE: INT OR K; INT AS PLAIN; K INT AA PLAIN; HAVING MISSED THE ENTIRE TRANSMISSION, SIMPLY INT.

IF ALL HANDS FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUCH DELAY AND CONFUSION NOW EXISTING DUE TO REQUESTS FOR REPEATS AND VERIFICATIONS SHOULD DISAPPEAR. NEW PERSONNEL ARE TAUGHT THE "HOW" AND VARIATIONS FROM STANDARD PROCEDURE ARE NOT TO THROW THEM FOR A LOSS. THEREFORE, SINCE THERE IS A "BRIGHT" WAY LETS ALL FOLLOW IT AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR ALL CONCERNED. INT R.



JUST BACK FROM ALASKA