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The following letter is just one of many favorable comments received by Director Frank Cunningham from members of the Administrator's Management Team who were in Alaska in July 1984:

Dear Frank,

This is to express my appreciation to you and all the people in your region who put together such a fantastic conference. Each and every individual I met or came in contact with was most helpful and gracious. Please pass on my thanks to those involved.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Foster, Director
Northwest Mountain Region

Engen Visits Alaskan Region

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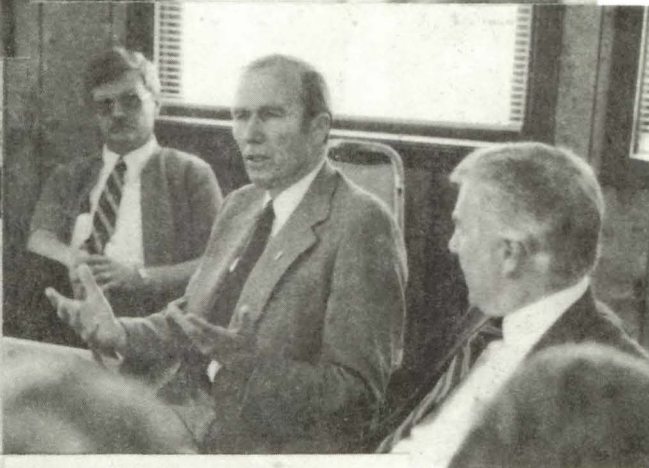
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Donald D. Engen, FAA Administrator, paid a visit to the Alaskan Region in July 1984. Shortly after his arrival in Anchorage he held a press conference at the Captain Cook Hotel to talk to and answer any questions the local media had about FAA in Alaska and FAA in general.

While in Anchorage Engen was given a tour of the Air Route Traffic Control Center. Personnel at the Center presented Engen with an official air traffic control cap at an all hands meeting while Engen recognized the air traffic and airway facilities personnel for their development and implementation of the Oceanic Computer System (OCS).

Engen also spoke to FAA employees at an all hands meeting held at the regional office. In his opening remarks he said, "I'm not going to change the FAA organization structure to a great extent because I believe in standardization - an organization doing things the same."

The reason for the all hands meeting was not only to let Engen talk but to give FAA personnel the chance to ask any questions. But before any questions were asked Engen pointed out that, "I'm still a new guy but I won't use that as a dodge (to answer questions)." And he was as good as his word.

- 1) Engen touring ARTCC
- 2) Engen at Regional office for all hands meeting
- 3) Engen chats with FSS personnel
- 4) Engen at Merrill Field.
- 5) Engen at all hands meeting at ARTCC



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Engen and his management team were not in Alaska just for the fun and sun but to attend the first directors' conference ever to be held in Alaska. The conference was held in Alaska on July 25, 26 and 27, 1984.

But before the actual conference got started the regional directors flew to the North Slope to tour the ARCO facilities and later to tour the FAA's facilities at McGrath.

The first order of business on Wednesday, July 25, was to get the Administrator's Management Team together with the Regional Director's Management Team to discuss issues affecting FAA today and in the future. In order to get away from the telephones and interruptions that come with staying in the regional office, the entire group headed off to Alyeska, about 35 miles south of Anchorage, to have breakfast and its first joint session of the conference.

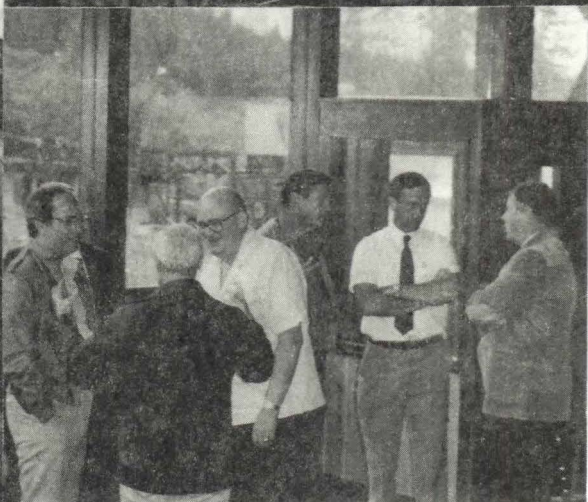
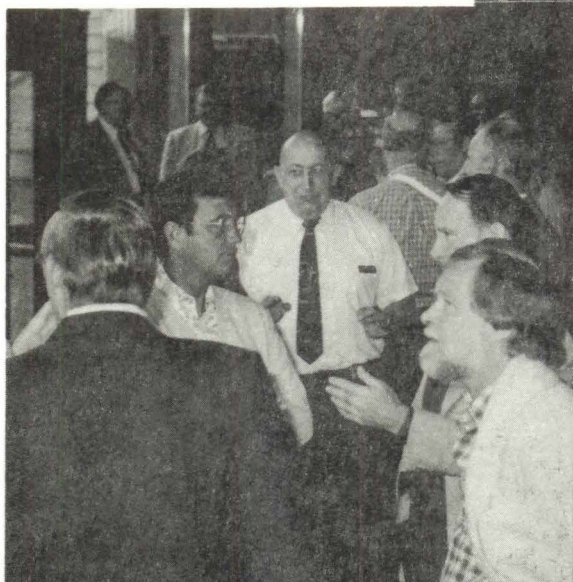
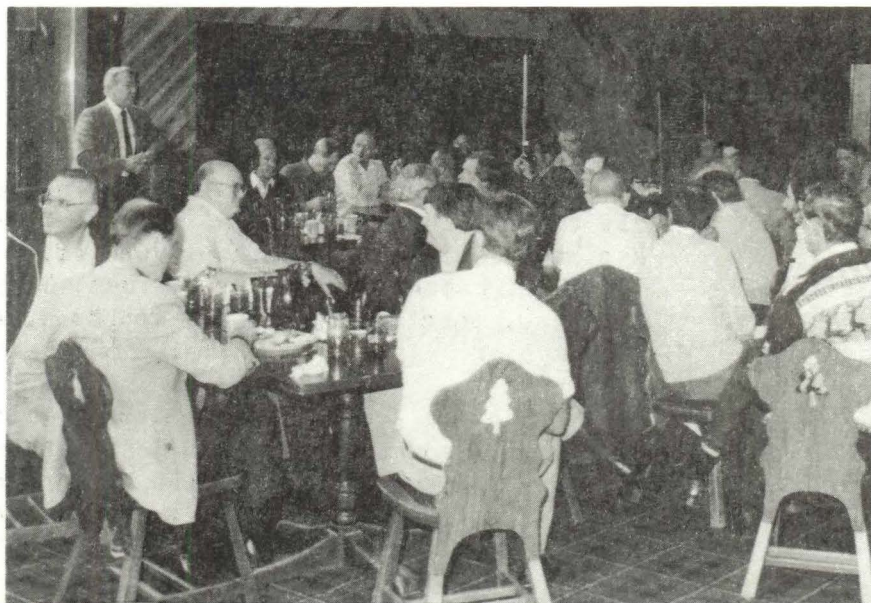
While in the area the group took a side trip to Portage Glacier to share one of Alaska's wonders with the visitors.

The Regional Directors' Conference continued on Thursday with meetings most of the day.

- 1) Joint session at Alyeska
- 2) Portage Glacier
- 3) Alyeska
- 4) Great Alaskan Cookout
- 5) Alyeska



**Administrator's
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Team
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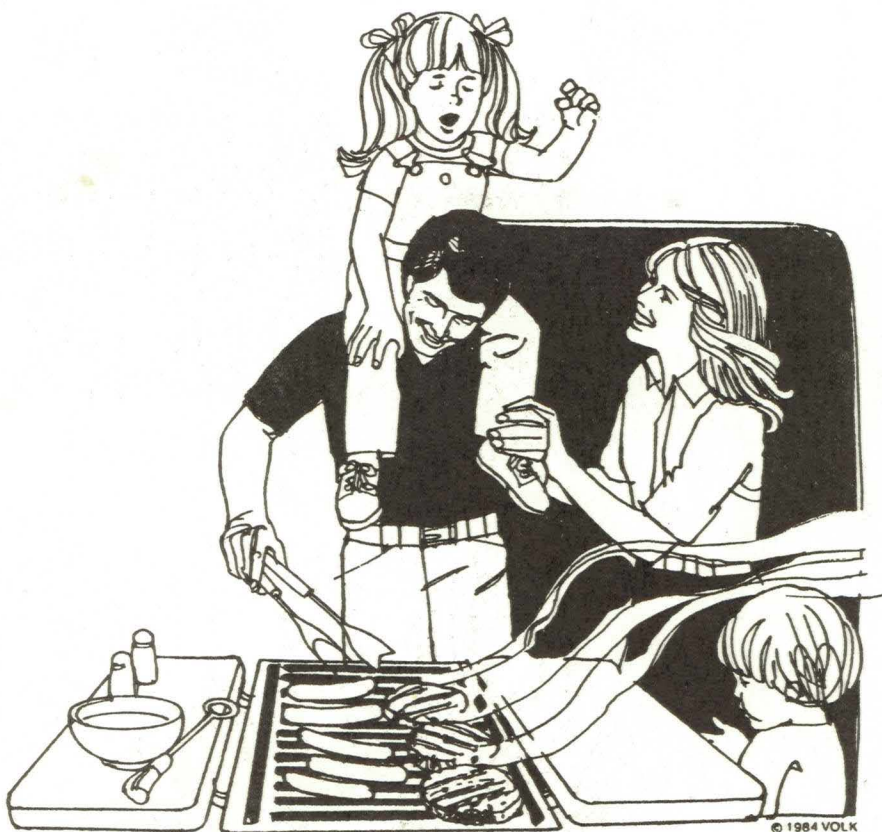
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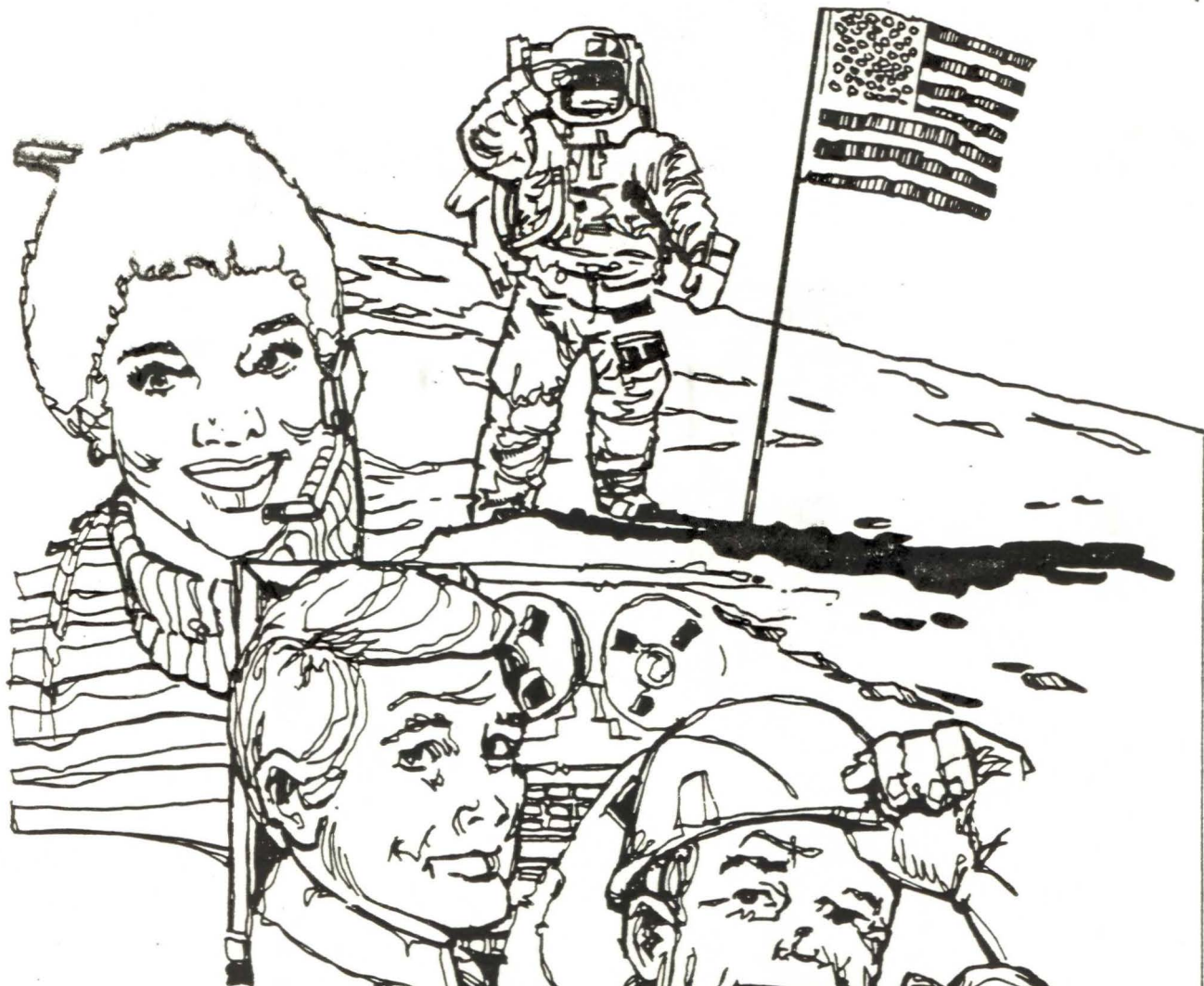
The Great Alaskan Cookout was held Thursday evening for all the visitors and the FAA personnel from the Alaskan Region. There were 350 people who attended the fish fry with beer batter deep-fried halibut, barbeque salmon, coleslaw, potato salad, beans and assorted bread for consumption. It was definitely "one FAA family."

Everyone had a good time socializing, playing volleyball, running races and just getting out and enjoying the sunshine and fresh air. Administrator Engen met many of the families of FAA personnel and took the time to talk to them and really get to know them.



350 People Attend the Great Alaskan Cookout





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