

proven by U. S. Bureau of Mines drilling; and

WHEREAS, the requested withdrawal will exclude entry under the mining laws; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of the world supply of tin is produced in those countries under the influence of, or dominated by communism, and would be immediately cut off in case of war; and

WHEREAS, the mining of the Cape Creek tin would be a benefit to the economy of Alaska as well as to our national security; and

WHEREAS, said mining of the Cape Creek tin would not interfere with the military operations or

security within the proposed withdrawal or neighboring vicinity;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully requests that the said Department of Air Force application for a 2700-acre withdrawal covering Cape Creek on the Seward Peninsula be not granted or else be amended in such a manner that entry under the mining laws may be affected.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House March 1, 1957.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1957.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16

To the Secretary of Defense; the Secretary of the Army; the Chief of the National Guard Bureau; the Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives; the Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the U. S. Senate; the Delegate to Congress from Alaska; Alaska Senators-Elect William Egan and Ernest Gruening; and Alaska Representative-Elect Ralph Rivers:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third regular session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the First and Second Scout Battalions of the Alaska National Guard, located along the northern and western coasts of Alaska fronting on Soviet Russia, are performing a vital mission of defense for the Nation in providing

daily aircraft warnings and information to the U. S. Air Force and intelligence information for Headquarters, U. S. Army, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, although the Scout Battalions and their members are on inactive Territorial status, they have been assigned this important and continuing national defense mission and a corresponding mobilization assignment by the regular military establishments of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Scout Battalions are organized as village units which do not now have but need adequate facilities to serve as bases of operation for meeting, training, and storage of Federal supplies and equipment issued to those units in support of their assigned Federal mission; and

WHEREAS, it has been deter-

mined that the needs of these village units could best be met by providing them with prefabricated metal Arctic type buildings, fully insulated, with their own heating units and electric generators; and

WHEREAS, the Territorial Military Department has requested the Department of the Army to provide such facilities through 100% Federal financing as authorized to reserve components of the active military establishment by provisions of Section 3a, Public Law 783 (81st Congress) and Public Law 302 (84th Congress);

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the United States Officers, the Chairmen of the Military Affairs Committees of the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives,

and the Delegate to Congress from Alaska and the Senators and the Congressman-Elect from Alaska, to whom this Memorial is directed, lend all possible support and exert every energy within their power to approve and implement the request of the Territorial Military Department for the construction of pre-fabricated armories for the fifty-one (51) village units of the First and Second Scout Battalions of the Alaska National Guard as they carry out their special assignment in support of the active military forces of the United States.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House March 5, 1957.

Passed by the Senate March 14, 1957

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 17

To the Honorable John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State; to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska; and the Honorable James T. Pyle, Administrator, Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the Scandinavian Airlines System now operates North Pole flights, which are permitted to refuel at Anchorage, Alaska, enroute between Europe and Asia; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of the United States has continu-

ously refused to grant traffic rights to the said airline to enable it to take on and discharge passengers at Anchorage on its North Pole route; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans now wishing to go to Europe or the Far East must travel to the States to board aircraft for Europe or Asia, which further travel adds considerably to the inconvenience, cost and time involved in making such trips; and

WHEREAS, the Scandinavian Airlines System, if permitted to take on and discharge passengers at the Anchorage International Airport, would provide service to and from Europe or Asia at less inconvenience, cost and travel time to Alaskans and to residents of the