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Senator GRUENING. I would like to call on the witnesses from Alaska—Major Pike, Captain Holmsen, Major Ahvakana and Captain Gologergen.

Will you come forward and take your seats at the table.

STATEMENTS OF MAJ. JOSEPH N. PIKE, BETHEL, ALASKA; CAPT. RAYMOND H. HOLMSEN, JR., BETHEL, ALASKA; MAJ. LLOYD AHVAKANA, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA; CAPT. TIMOTHY GOLOGERGEN, SAVONNA, ALASKA

years?
Major PIKE. Yes, sir.

Senator GRUENING. Are you fairly familiar with conditions in the communities along the coastal front?

Major PIKE. Yes, sir; I am.

Senator GRUENING. What would you say would be some of their needs that could be supplied, if some of the surplus material could be brought to them?

PIKE SPEAKS AS MAYOR PIKE OF BETHEL

Major PIKE. Mr. Chairman, before I answer that question, I would like to make it clear for the record that my statements made here this morning, are not for the National Guard but as mayor of Bethel.

Senator GRUENING. I think as mayor of Bethel, your testimony will be even more pertinent—

Mayor PIKE. Thank you.

Senator GRUENING (continuing).——in that you are fully familiar with the needs of your community.