

entire area for his country.

One of the most prominent men in the history of Kulusuk was Dr. Thaddeus Q. Midgett, a Milwaukee restaurateur and part-time acupuncturist, who, in 1873, attempted to open the first MacDonald's franchise in Kulusuk. His enterprise failed, first because he couldn't cook, and secondly because the hamburger had not yet been invented. In desperation, he turned to acupuncture to recoup his fortune and his efforts in this area were well received. However, one particularly enthusiastic native attempted acupuncture on the doctor with a rusty 12 foot harpoon. The good doctor escaped with his life and returned to upstate New York where he became a short-order cook in a Chinese restaurant and a respected lecturer on the mating habits of Arctic sand crabs.

The Danish government finally established an outpost in Kulusuk in 1914 since they had no other place to send out-spoken

members of their diplomatic corps. In an attempt to improve the plight of the natives, an unemployment compensation program was started and, to date, the entire adult population has continuously drawn this stipend.

The records of the unemployment compensation office show that the people of Kulusuk are of uniquely diverse occupational backgrounds, there being 14 tree surgeons, 10 rickshaw mechanics, 31 nuclear physicists, 17 surfing instructors, 6 rodeo clowns, and 1 resort hotel manager among the "hard core" unemployed.

The Danish government has also done much to improve the medical welfare of the people. A small medical clinic has been built and classes in personal hygiene are held every odd-numbered year, weather permitting. Results have been excellent and it is now possible to approach Kulusuk from downwind with only mild nausea and occasional vomiting.



SOUTHWIND escorting Rubi Benti into Kulusuk