Alaska Colony in Gear Now,
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New Officials in Job Line-Up

Money Spent Freely by Fuller: Army Man Is Determined to Finish Settlers' Homes

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Palmer, Alaska—(By Radio)—A fast moving corporation president, snatched out of private life to save a sinking administration project, Thursday had finished gearing up a machine to house the Matanuska valley colonists. Now the problem is to make it run.

R. R. Fuller, special emissary from Washington, set trusted Linc. Col. L. P. Hunt of the marine corps at the top of the heap, and then laid out new and former big time officials in an actual feeling, responsible directly to Hunt when Fuller leaves, which will probably be next week. This move is intended to control the situation and stop backing among various factions.

Col. Hunt is prepared to wield the big stick. He is a typical army

Gold in the Valley!

Palmer, Alaska—Discovery of gold on one of the colony farms in the Matanuska valley served Thursday to alloy some of the discontent of the homesteaders. Action Anderson, veteran of the early gold seeking days of Alaska territory, stirs "pay dirt" digging a water well. He tried to keep his find a secret but it looked out and colonists gathered in excited groups. Anderson said pay dirt showed "substantial values" but other smorgasbords claimed the area had been prospected thoroughly and little gold would be found there.

Fuller declared that the new plans solve the health, sanitation, police, fire and school problems. A permanent doctor and a hospital will take care of health, he says, while government sanitation men arrived with him have been insisting on proper sanitation measures in the camps. Twelve men under a chief have been designated as colonial police to control thievory and disorderly conduct. Merrill Salzman, the Catholic priest here, has been named to organize the fire fighting force.

To provide housing as soon as possible, it is planned to erect four frame buildings as temporary homes. They will be stunted in form communities throughout the valley. It is believed that the remainder of the pupils can be taught at the Wasilla and Matanuska village schools.

Of the high powered staff which Fuller brought with him, three will remain here until essential construction is completed. They are Col. Hunt, A. M. Goodman, farming expert, and Linc. H. Y. Martin, an engineer. The others will return with Fuller on the United States cutter Shumshina which has been waiting at Seward under Fuller's orders since the arrival of the group.

Also returning on the Shumshina will be Frank H. Halse, former director of construction, who has been ill.