

HENSLEY RESIGNS AFN, INC. PRESIDENCY

President Willie Hensley of the Alaska Federation of Natives, who took office in October, 1972 during a stormy reorganization of the AFN, Monday announced his intent to

step down by the end of November.

"I am leaving the federation for personal reasons and with some regret," said the Democratic State Senator for North-

west Alaska.

"My personal commitment to the federation was for approximately one year and I now have served that time. I feel my leaving will give the AFN board of

directors an opportunity to focus more fully on exactly what kind of an organization AFN should be."

Hensley said he felt that the
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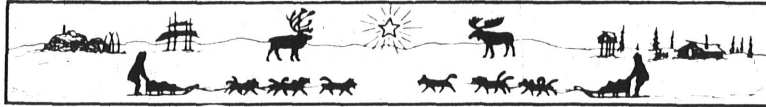


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13TH REG. PROSPECTS FADING



SOAP-BOXING — United States Senator Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, is skillfully balancing on a pair of power outlets on the floor of Gruening Building on the campus of the University of Alaska last Thursday while addressing the members of THEATA, a Native students' organization at UA.

THEATA membership is made up of Tlingits, Haidas, Eskimos, Athabascans, Tsimshians and Aleuts. Julius Pleasant, a student from Nome, is standing up to ask Senator Gravel a question.

— Photo by MARGIE BAUMAN

Villages of Ugashik and Pilot Point Run Out of Fuel

Residents of two tiny Southeastern Alaska villages running low on fuel oil have had little response so far from the state to a plea that Gov. William Egan provide immediate disaster assistance.

Reports from the Bristol Bay Area Development Corp., Dillingham, indicated Monday that while the Bureau of Indian Affairs has assessed the situation no move has been made to bring in stove oil to Pilot Point and Ugashik.

"They have enough money to buy the oil, but not for the transportation," said Mark Johnson, program development specialist for the corporation.

Johnson went with BIA representative Jim Dayton during the weekend to the homes of 25 residents of Ugashik and another 70 in Pilot Point to check on whom was eligible for various types of assistance.

Johnson said many personal questions were asked at each

household and in six cases requests for help were turned down, including a Pilot Point resident in Anchorage with two daughters burned in a fire.

"The BIA figured if he was in Anchorage he couldn't qualify," Johnson said.

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School for St. Paul Island

The Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has opened a new school on St. Paul Island, one of the two inhabited Pribilof Islands, about 900 miles southwest of Anchorage in the Bering Sea. It will provide education for about 140 Aleut students, in its eight grades.

The Pribilof Islands are the land habitat of the world's largest herds of northern fur seals, and are administered by NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service.

The nearest school to St. Paul is on St. George Island, about 40 miles away, housing about 50 Aleut students in eight grades.

William L. Peck, director of the Pribilof Island Program, said the new school replaces a deteriorating three-story structure built in 1930 and enlarged in

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John Saylor Dies

HOUSTON, Texas — Rep. John P. Saylor, pioneer conservationist, died Sunday of a heart attack. The Pennsylvania Republican had long been interested in Alaska, voting in favor of statehood and against the Alaska pipeline.

He was the author of the Wilderness Act designed to save land from development, and an early backer of anti-pollution efforts.

Most of Non-Resident Natives May Enroll in Regional Corporations

By THOMAS RICHARDS, JR.

SEATTLE — Alaska Natives residing in Washington State will most likely elect to join regional corporations based in Native areas in Alaska rather than form a thirteenth regional corporation under the terms of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, according to the president of the Washington Chapter of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Rachel Craig, AFN Washington president, said that most of the five thousand Natives living in the state favor enrollment in corporations based in areas of Alaska where they were born or where they have strong family ties.

Mrs. Craig, a Kotzebue-born woman who heads the largest Native association outside of Alaska, said, "I think most (non-resident Natives) will enroll in Alaska. Most of the people I know have been enrolling back home."

In spite of a massive campaign by a small group of Seattle lawyers, financed largely by the corporate banking division of the Seattle First National Bank, a thorough, but low-budgeted, newsletter printed by AFN Washington provided simple guidelines which encouraged Alaska Natives in the state to enroll more knowledgeably and with a better understanding of available options.

The information provided Washington area Alaska Natives

by the state chapter, Mrs. Craig noted, drew a sharp contrast from the barrage of confusing literature disseminated by the new Alaska Federation of Native International organization and the Washington office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Proponents of the thirteenth regional corporation misled outside Natives, she said.

"A lot of people out here have been told that, since they live out here, they have to enroll with the thirteenth," noted Mrs. Craig. And, she added, information coming out of Washington, D.C. has been provided with the use of legal language and is often beyond the comprehension of most people outside the legal profession. "Everything should have been explained more simply," Mrs. Craig said.

The Native leader, who has decided to enroll in the Northwest Alaska Regional Native Corporation, criticized the majority of Native corporations in Alaska for not giving greater attention to the problems of non-resident Natives. Only two cor-

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Recommended to Education Post-

NACIE Pushes Demmert for Dep. Educ. Commissioner

By MARGE BAUMAN

William G. Demmert, a Tlingit-Oglala Sioux Indian born and raised at Klawock, Alaska, has been recommended for appointment as Deputy Commissioner of Indian Education within the U.S. Department of Education.

The announcement came Sunday from Joseph Upicksoun of Barrow, chairman of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education, who said Demmert was chosen from 23 applicants.

Demmert played a key role in writing the Indian Education Act, which established an Office of Indian Education within the Office of Education. The deputy commissioner chosen to head that office must be appointed by the Commissioner of Educa-

tion from a list submitted by the National Advisory Council

on Indian Education.

Demmert last June became the first Native American to receive a doctorate degree in the administrative career program of Harvard Graduate School of Education. His thesis was written in conjunction with his job in Washington, D.C. helping to implement the Indian Education Act.

The son of Florence and Bill Demmert Sr., Demmert is married and lives with his wife and two children just outside Washington, D.C.

Demmert's name was introduced for nomination by a special subcommittee within the National Advisory Council on Indian Education and received

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