

## 'They Need Love'— Egan Proclamation On Foster Children

Children who lose their parents through desertion, illness, family disorganization or abuse, who feel they are not wanted, carry scars that no one sees. They need somebody's help.

There are over 300,000 children in the Nation living away from their parents in foster family homes. Alaska has its share of these children who are unusually dependent upon the understanding and help of each of us for their present and future well-being. They need love, and their best hope often rests with foster parents.

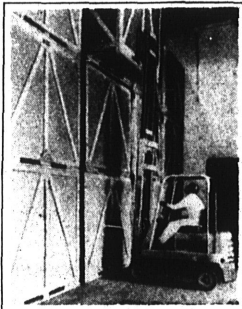
Time and again, experience has shown that these children grow and develop better when they have the individualized love and nurture of a generous foster father and mother. If deprived

of close parental relationship, children — especially young children — are often damaged for life in their emotional and intellectual growth. Today many more foster parents are needed for the children in our society who, for whatever the reason, cannot remain in their own homes.

Therefore, I, William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska, do hereby designate the week of April 9 through April 15, 1972 as

**ACTION FOR FOSTER CHILDREN WEEK IN ALASKA** I urge State and local government officials, voluntary agencies and private groups during that week to give special attention to the needs of foster children, to plan concerted action between agencies and citizens for improving and expanding services for foster children, to assist in the rehabilitation of their families, and to help recruit more foster parents.

Dated this 29th day of March, 1972.



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## AIPA Investigative Reporting on Raymond Yellow Thunder

The American Indian Press Association has launched an extensive series of investigative reporting on and near the Oglala Sioux Reservation centering in Pine Ridge, S.D., to provide AIPA members thorough coverage of recent events.

These include:

—the facts in the death of Oglala Sioux elder Raymond Yellow Thunder, 51, in Gordon, Nebr. between the second and third weeks of February;

—the presence and activities of the American Indian Movement, which has triggered a nationwide human rights and justice campaign for Indian people across the country;

—the ongoing boycott of the town of Gordon by Gordon Indian residents and Oglala reservation communities;

—state and federal intervention in the Yellow Thunder case charging five Gordon persons — four males and one female — in Yellow Thunder's death;

—the response and activities of the reservation Oglala Sioux to the recent events, including the presence of AIM on their reservation;

—the incident of alleged looting of a museum at Wounded

Knee, S.D., and the issues and attitudes underlying the action.

AIPA is preparing a full magazine feature as the cover story in the NCAI SENTINEL, due to be published in three weeks. AIPA will send to all members a three-part series wrapup of the Yellow Thunder death and its continu-

ing impact nationwide on March 28.

This decision was reached by reason of the highly fluid nature of the Dakota events. AIPA Director Charles Trimble and Correspondent Richard La Course are both in South Dakota to provide thorough coverage.

## Octopus Ink Paintings on Exhibition

**FAIRBANKS** — An exhibit of drawings and paintings by Diana Tillion of Homer will open at the University of Alaska Saturday, April 8.

The exhibit will be in the Fine Arts Gallery. The opening is set for 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday.

Mrs. Tillion, wife of Homer legislator Clem Tillion, will be in Fairbanks for the opening of the exhibit, and will also present a gallery lecture Monday. While in the city, the Tillions will be house guests of university presi-

dent William R. Wood.

The gallery lecture is set for Monday at 8 p.m. Mrs. Tillion will speak on "Octopus Ink and Art." She is known for her drawing executed with octopus ink.

A reception will be held in the gallery following her talk. The lecture and reception are open to the public and there is no admission charge.

The exhibit will hang until April 21. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WANTED

The Copper River Native Association is seeking applicants for the position of executive director; preferably an Alaskan native with knowledge of rural Alaska. The executive director is required to participate in community activities, demonstrate leadership, have a working knowledge of program proposal writing, be able to analyze programs related to problem areas, outline alternatives and monetary results, and have an overall knowledge of planning, business administration and leadership, both regional and statewide. The starting is \$18,000 a year plus expenses.

Send a complete resume to Robert Marshall, pres. Copper River Native Association, Box 823, Copper Center, Ak. 99573.

Application closing date April 30, 1972.

## COOK INLET REGIONAL ENROLLMENT

TO ALL NATIVES 1/4 or more in blood, in order to receive benefits from the Alaskan Native Lands Claims Act, everyone must be enrolled. Beginning on Monday, April 3, our enumerators will be in the field in the Cook Inlet Region. They will have identification and are responsible for the enrollment of all natives, either real children or adopted; therefore, don't be insulted if you are asked questions by our enumerators. If there is no one in your house who is qualified, please tell the enumerator, so he can go to the next house as our time is limited.

For people in the Cook Inlet Region who have any questions, please call (907) 274-3861.

**Thank you kindly for your cooperation,  
Otto Thiele  
COOK INLET REGIONAL COORDINATOR**



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