

1,000 Corporations in 1 Year Says Carter

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Nobody has publicly told the story of the skill, the manpower problems facing the Native people in the next few years. It is estimated that before a year is over there will be 1000 corporations. There are already some 200 plus corporate entities.

That's just one thing. The skill and manpower requirements for the selection of land for the villages and regions in the next four years, the fact that the overhead costs of corporate entities will be in excess of the income for several years is another thing.

We have the problems of developing viable economic resources that will compensate. The skill and manpower requirements that are required to de-

fine these resources and the educational requirements to place people in viable income-producing situations are astronomical.

In the same time frame, add the construction of the pipeline and the skills requirements of that, as well as implementation of a revenue-sharing program with the federal government.

Then add successful implementation of the community development program: housing, sewers, lights — the skill and manpower for that.

These things which will occur simultaneously in five years spell complete disaster unless the Native people are 100% united. It's going to take every man, woman and child. There's not

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enough trained people. The resources of the state of Alaska are inadequate to meet this problem.

We have a symbiotic relationship with the state. If the Native people fail, the state will fail. There must be an on the job training situation for development of Native expertise in ALL fields. If the state and federal government cannot understand the one to one nature of this relationship, then Alaska is doomed.

There is a commitment of 5 to 6 million dollars for 1973 which covers a wide range of things that have to occur in the state.

I think that as far as the National council of Indians, the departmental secretaries, the Vice-President, the President, that we have a problem of implementation that is beyond the imagination of most of the people of Alaska, including the

Native people.

I have been told that any innovative program for the rest of the nation will be tested here. If this is true, we have the opportunity as "citizens of the last frontier" to develop our ability to deal with each other as rational individuals, to develop an integrated society to demonstrate throughout the world, and to produce a "seed crop" of leaders.

Treaties in the south '48 guaranteed rights of hunting, fishing and support by government agencies "until the sun sets" and that sort of thing. Alaska did not get everlasting rights to the land. We got a certain amount of land and a certain amount of money with a protection clause of 20 years.

If we cannot in our own right and our own strength go beyond the 20 year period, then we're lost, we're absolutely gone. It's over.