

Jackson attends NCAI meeting

Executive committee reviews status report and plans 1976 convention

Gordon Jackson, executive vice president, Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. recently returned from a National Executive Committee meeting and a brief vacation. Jackson indicated, "My tan has been renewed and batteries are recharged for another grueling year."

The NCAI Executive Committee met in Vernal, Utah on March 24-26, 1976. Jackson is the Alaska area vice president and reported that, "basically what we did was hear a status report of the organization and planned the 1976 convention. The convention is scheduled for Oct. 17-22, 1976 in Salt Lake City, Utah. We also established Senate Bill 2010 which repeals P.L. 280 and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act as priority items for the staff to concentrate on. Our next meeting is scheduled for late June to coincide with a

fund-raising banquet for the NCAI in Washington, D.C. The exact date is June 25, 1976 which is also the 100th anniversary of Custer's Last Stand.

Following the meeting in Utah, Jackson and his wife flew to the Hawaiian Islands for a short vacation. After almost a year of seven-day weeks and a hectic schedule, Jackson indicated he felt out of place and a little guilty about "just laying around."

"However," Jackson stated, "one does need a break at least once a year to retain your sanity and reassess the situation."