

Aleut League Picks Lekanof As President

The Aleuts of Alaska Peninsula, the Aleutians and the Pribilofs have formed an organization known as the Aleut League.

The new native Alaskan group named Flore Lekanof as its first president; Tikhon Stepetin, St. Paul, first vice president; John Gunderson, Sand Point, second vice president; Rep. Carl E. Moses (R-Unalaska, secretary-treasurer; and Henry Larson, King Cove, sergeant at arms.

The aim of the group is to assure fair treatment to the Aleuts on land claims and aboriginal rights; promotion of cultural heritage and economic development.

The League's organizational meeting took place in Anchorage last week on December 7-8.

The group was addressed by representatives from the Federal Field Committee for Development and Planning

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in Alaska; the Alaska Department of Economic Development and Planning; the Alaska Federation of Natives; Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Public Health Service; and by an assistant to Rep. Howard Pollock.