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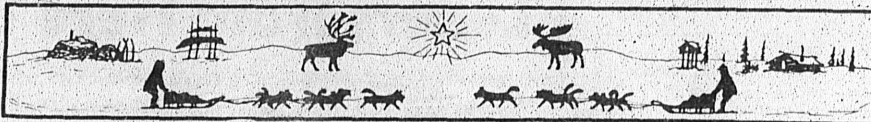
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## FWS STATES NATIVES NEEDED

### TCC Discusses Indian Prog.'s Management

By JEFF RICHARDSON

The thorny question of which Native organization will manage federal Indian programs in Interior Alaska was discussed at a hearing in Fairbanks March 19.

The hearing was held to explain to interested parties the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, signed by President Ford in January. The meeting, one of many held throughout the nation, was also held to gather comments on how the act should be implemented by federal regulations.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Tanana Chiefs Conference, Association of Interior Eskimos, Fairbanks Native Association, City of BarroDINYEA-Stevens Corp., and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The act gives Native groups the right to plan and operate programs for themselves under contact with the government. It also makes this more practical through waivers of federal contracting regulations, planning

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### Agency Convinced It Stands to Benefit by Employing Natives

By DONN LISTON  
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ANCHORAGE — After a series of meetings with residents of villages near areas proposed by the Department of Interior for national wildlife refuges, workers for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (FWS), are convinced more than ever that the agency could benefit greatly by having Alaskan Natives employed by their agency.

Between Feb. 19 and March 2, four wildlife biologists, Joe Yovino, Dave Cline, Morris Lefever and Nate Johnson of the agency's systems and planning staff, traveled to Fairbanks and several villages along the Yukon River to explain the Yukon Flats and Koyukuk national wildlife refuge proposals for the Doyon region, to begin soliciting village input into master planning for the proposed refuges and to explore ways to develop greater cooperation and communication between FWS and the Native community.

"We need more direct public involvement in all federal planning," explained Dave Cline

in a recent interview with the Tundra Times. "We have some problems relating to the Native community and we need to involve more Natives in what we're doing."

Native people are "very polite and gracious" when representatives of FWS come to their communities, according to Cline, who says that by being honest and direct the FWS is fairly successful in informing rural people of the Interior proposals.

Last spring the Systems and Planning staff contacted all of the villages in the proposed Togiak Refuge area (Bristol Bay) and the Arctic Wildlife Refuge, which is located in the northeast corner of the state.

"What we have in print and in these proposals is tentative. The Secretary of the Interior sent the proposals to Congress in December 1973. Congress will decide whether or not to act on them by Dec. 18, 1978," Cline said. "A lot of people don't want anything done with this land but some Natives are beginning to realize that national wildlife refuges could be one on their

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CURIOUS OWL — Robert Wongittlin of Savoonga beautifully captures his owl in ivory, perhaps spotting its prey below. See story on page 8 along with more pictures.  
—Photo by BOB WALKER

### POTLATCH STORY

Due to lack of space in this issue of the TT, we are delaying the story of the FNA potlatch story and pictures until the April 2 edition.

### Nul-luk-vik Hotel to Open On April 18

KOTZEBUE, ALASKA — There's old-fashioned Eskimo hospitality with a brand new twist woven into the Nul-luk-vik Hotel, which opens April 18 on the shores of the Kotzebue Sound.

For the people whose Arctic hospitality is legend have built a modern, two story hotel complete with telephones in every room and a dinner menu featuring shee fish, Arctic char and reindeer meat.

The hotel, which takes its name from an Eskimo work meaning "shelter place," is a venture of a corporation whose stockholders are some 5,000 Eskimos from Northwest Alaska, the Kotzebue base NANA Regional Corporation Inc. It took six months and over \$2 million to build and NANA is already predicting the investment will pay off in more ways than one.

The Nul-luk-vik will provide adequate accommodations in 53 rooms, for travelers on business and tourists who want to see the Arctic without roughing it.

Rooms are handsomely furnished with two double beds, complete bath — including a special vanity counter outside the bathroom — and a view of Kotzebue Sound, so one can place

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AWARD WINNING TEAM — Pictured above are the staff of the "Alaska Native Magazine" produced by the ATS-6 Satellite Project. They are, left to right, Mark Badger, Kris Lentsh, Moses Wassilie, Richard Kahn, and Molly McCammon.  
—(UA photo).

### ATS-6 Communications Satellite Project Wins Award

FAIRBANKS — The ATS-6 Communications Satellite Project at KUAC-TV on the University of Alaska's Fairbanks campus won an award early this year from the National Education Association-Alaska.

The NEA's School Bell Award went to the project's "Alaska Native Magazine" entered in a category for a member of the media, a group, organization or

individual "making an outstanding contribution, through the use of public media, which advances the cause of education."

The NEA-Alaska presentation said, "The ATS-6 Project is especially commended for its 'Alaska Native Magazine' series which is transmitted live to seventeen Alaska cities and villages via satellite. One program

of the series dealt with rural native education in Alaska and is expected to be the first of several programs dealing with education."

The program winning award was produced by Moses Wassilie and directed by Dave Conyer. Writers were Kris Lentsh and Molly McCammon and cinematographers were Mark Badger and Richard Kahn.

### Noel Wien Gets Alaskan of Year

The Alaska Press Club announces that Noel Wien, the famous pioneer bush pilot in Alaska, has been elected the Alaskan of the Year for 1975. Wien will be honored at the annual banquet of the press club in Anchorage on the evening of March 28, this weekend.

The guest speaker will be Lowell Thomas, Sr., the famous world traveler, explorer and newscaster. His public appearance will be his first in the last two years. He is the father of the Lieutenant Governor Lowell Thomas, Jr. under the administration of Alaska's Governor Jay Hammond.

Noel Wien has done many a "first" during the early years of pioneer flying like flying the United States mail to Anchorage and Nome. Great many of his aviation exploits paved the way to flying in Alaska.

According to word received by the Tundra Times, reservations for the banquet are filling up rapidly and Fairbanks people are urged to make reservations by calling 279-3752 in Anchorage.