

# Hungwitchin declares dividend from Wien profits

The village corporation of Eagle, Alaska has been able to declare a dividend to their shareholders, according to the current issue of the Doyon, Limited Newsletter.

Hungwitchin Corporation is the first of the 28 village corporations in the Doyon region to pay a dividend to its members.

Hungwitchin invested a part of

the money it received from the Alaska Native Fund into the purchase of Wien Air Alaska, Inc. stock during April of this year. In August, the stock was sold at a profit of \$4,799.00.

Hungwitchin shareholders will receive 47 cents from village corporation earnings for each share of stock which they own. Each shareholder was originally issued

100 shares of stock, and will receive a check for \$47.00. Persons who have inherited stock will receive dividends in an amount according to how many shares are held.

Hungwitchin Corporation President James Stevens said, "The significant of the dividend cannot be measured in dollars alone," according to the Doyon

Newsletter.

Dividend checks are expected to be mailed in late November or early December. Questions

regarding the distribution may be directed to the Hungwitchin Corporation, Box 85, Eagle, Alaska 99738.

## ● agency charged

(Continued from page 7) they don't do it. They have numerous bush stations. And some of them are in or near villages, where there is a 75-90 percent Native population, and you don't see Native employees (at these stations.)"

Pagano is a man who has much on his mind. He further related that "Alaska Natives are just as intelligent and have the potential to be trained in electronics just like anyone else. However, when you have two people, and one is getting the breaks and go-

ing to school, and the Alaska Native doesn't get the breaks, and is dumped into a course that is above his head, and he bombs out, then the FAA says 'well, you failed.' Rather than helping him, they let him die."

He asked, "Who knows if he had the potential to go on, or if he needed time and help? — He just didn't get the chance." Some are lucky enough to "know how to take care of themselves in the system" that is hostile to most Natives, but they are few and far between.

He said that he wanted "those people responsible for allowing the discriminating practices of the past ten years — even though they are given the responsibility by the government to insure equal opportunity — to be relieved of their positions. I want people put here who will insure and rebuild the rapport with the Native community and have Natives applying again at the agency."

In summing up the situation, Pagano stated that "people have to be more than just concerned about getting the land. Equal opportunity will never come about with just corporate money — since only a few will be living and managing it — as long as Natives never work for an equal level. We will always be considered the lesser. We will always be begging for the crumb. And because we don't have Alaska Natives in management levels to insure that policies won't adversely effect Natives, we will never

go anywhere."

In attempting to secure employment and opportunities at one federal agency, the Federal Aviation Administration, Pagano and Peratrovich have filed several complaints. But after being informed by the Departmental Office of Civil Rights that their discrimination complaints may take more than 180 days to process, Pagano and Peratrovich contacted the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and asked them to step-in and assume jurisdiction over the complaints.

The complaints will take several months to process, but both men believe they have strong cases. They would like to change the facts that, as Pagano said, "Alaska Natives aren't applying to the federal government: Their older brothers or people before them never got in. The government wasn't the place to apply. The Natives aren't applying to our agency (the FAA)"

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## Hopson endorses Gruening

North Slope Borough Mayor Eben Hopson, Sr. has become the first Native leader to endorse a candidate in the 1980 election for the U.S. Senate seat held by incumbent Mike Gravel.

Hopson announced his support for the candidacy of Anchorage attorney and former state legislator Clark Gruening in a letter sent last week to Native regional corporations and Alaskan newspapers.

Citing Senator Gravel's performance on pending D-2 legislation in the U.S. Congress, Hopson stated, "I strongly believe that Alaskans deserve more attention and hard work from our senator in Washington, D.C. for the benefit of us all. So that our needed services in Washington, D.C. will be improved, I have personally decided to support the candidacy of Clark Gruening to be our new senator."

Hopson criticized Senator Gravel for "irresponsible political weakness" and "nonperformance" and praised Gruening as a "very conscientious young man" who "knows what is needed in Alaska."

Hopson, who has been Mayor of the North Slope Borough since the formation of that municipality, is a veteran Native and political leader in the state as well as in the Alaska Democratic Party.

## BLM conveys land

The Bureau of Land Management conveyed more than 4.9 million acres to Native corporations in fiscal 1979, bringing the total number of acres conveyed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to 10.4 million acres.

Eight villages received portions of their entitlement in September, including: Dillingham, 52,923.52 acres; Egegik, 88,649 acres; Elim, 297,982 acres; Chistochina, 65,810 acres; Old Harbor, 8,228; Eklutna, 65 acres, and Juneau, 27,767 acres.

These village conveyances bring the total number of acres of surface estate conveyed to village corporations to 6,518,292 acres. Of this, 457,041 acres have been patented.

Decisions to issue conveyance were published in September for the village corporations of Sitka, Ugashik, Naknek, Venetie, and Pilot Point and for the regional corporations of Sealaska, Arctic Slope, and Cook Inlet.

Regional corporations have received conveyance of 3,899,962 acres of surface estate through September. In addition to the subsurface estate of village selections, 483,233 acres of in-lieu of subsurface estate have been conveyed.

## Land for Alaskans: 'Which Lands?'

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