

AFN BEGINS ROLL CALL DRIVE

Natives to Quarter Degree of Blood Are Asked to Enroll

The Alaska Federation of Natives is launching a drive to enroll all the native people of Alaska who would qualify in the event compensation for land settlement takes place in the future.

The AFN is calling for those persons who have one

quarter or more degree of blood and these are: Eskimos, Aleuts and Indians.

The AFN has drawn up a simple form to fill out and these, along with some pertinent information, have been sent out to regional organizations and to Tundra Times.

Persons wanting forms can write to Alaska Federation of Natives, Box 3408, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or call AFN at 279-2622. Here in Fairbanks, the forms can be picked up at the Tundra Times office, Chena Bldg., 510 2nd Avenue, Room 220.

Each person correctly enrolled on this form will be recognized by the AFN as a qualified recipient of any future settlement between the federal government, the State of Alaska and the individual.

The AFN is asking one dollar (\$1.00) with each form turned in to defray the expenses of mailing and printing of information.

The statewide organization

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spurred on by the amicable meeting of the Land Task Force Drafting Committee, the State, and government officials, is making the move to enroll the Alaska native people.

The meeting was held earlier this month in Anchorage on December 6-7-8. The conditions proposed and agreed to by the meeting members are as follows:

1) To accept five to ten per cent of the oil lease royalties from the Outer Continental Shelf in lieu of, or in place of, the Court of Claims compensation proceedings.

2) To accept a thousand acres per person per village for township with the option to take land and full title, or, in trust and have as trustee the tribal association or the Secretary of the Interior if so desired.

Individual village rolls on the acreage proposed would also include those people whose origin was in that village but who are not currently living there.

3) To accept 25 per cent of all revenues derived from all state selections.

4) To accept an initial grant of \$20 million as an advance on revenues anticipated from the Outer Continental Shelf developments. This, it was proposed, would be repaid by withholding no more than 50 per cent of the yearly offshore revenues until repayment was complete.

5) To ask that state land selections be allowed to include up to additional 25 million acres from federal lands to offset the 25 per cent of such lands that would be given to the native people and out of which the native people would receive one quarter share.

6) Compensation proceedings would be sought in the Court of Claims and Indian Claims Commission for lands already taken if Congress rejects the offshore plan proposal.

The Drafting Committee members also thought that the Alaska Native Claims Commission as proposed by the State, was somewhat cumber-

some with the native lands being subject to trust status and that a simpler method of land transfer be urged.

The following state and federal government officials attended this month's Anchorage meeting:

Robert Vaughan, Assistant Secretary of the Interior; Burke Riley, Field Coordinator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Hugh J. Wade, Regional Solicitor for the Department of the Interior; and Edgar P. Boyko, Attorney General, State of Alaska.

The following are the members of the Land Task Force Drafting Committee:

State Rep. Willie Hensley, chairman of the drafting committee and member of the Northwest Alaska Native Association; Emil Notti, president, Alaska Federation of Natives;

Donald Wright, president, Cook Inlet Native Association; Byron Mallott, president, Five Chiefs of Yakutat; Hugh Nicholls, first vice president, Arctic Slope Native Association;

Harvey Samuelson, Bristol Bay Native Association; Richard Frank, president, Fairbanks Native Association; Alice Brown, Kenaitze Indian Association. John Borbridge, Jr., president, Tlingit-Haida Central Council;

Charles Franz, president, Alaska Peninsula Native Association; attorney Clifford Groh, legal counsel; and attorney Barry Jackson, legal counsel.

The Drafting Committee has again met this week on Wednesday and Thursday in Anchorage.

The next meeting of the entire Land Task Force Committee has been tentatively set for January 11-12 in Juneau when the findings of its subcommittee will be reviewed.

On February 8-9-10, Interior and Insular Affairs Committee land claims hearings will be held in Anchorage. Sen. Henry M. Jackson of the State of Washington will be chairman of the proceedings.