

# Natives Appointed to Committee

Five Alaskans, four of them from the Native community, have been appointed to the Alaska -- 1984 committee, the group promoting a statewide celebration in 1984 to commemorate Alaska's 25th year of statehood. They were: Nelson Angapak, Karl Armstrong, Clark Gruening, Roger Lang, and Tim Wallis. The new members increase the Alaska -- 1984 board from 16 to 21 directors.

Executive Director Dick Angell said, "These prominent Alaskans, all of whom possess strong ties with the Native community, reflect the broad-based support Alaska -- 1984 has achieved. By lending their support, they've expressed a strong vote of confidence for the idea of celebrating our 25th year of statehood, and with their help, we can accomplish that objective."

Currently serving as chairman of the board of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Angapak is

also chairman of the board and director of the land department of Calista Native Corporation, which he joined in 1973. He previously worked as a math instructor for the Anchorage Opportunities Industrialization Center, teaching underprivileged minority students.

Armstrong is executive vice president of Koniag, Inc., a Native corporation based in Kodiak. A staff member of the corporation since 1972, Armstrong was named to his current post four years ago. He is the founder and publisher of the Kodiak Times, a weekly newspaper, and was editor of the Kodiak Daily Mirror prior to joining Koniag, Inc.

Gruening is an Anchorage attorney, who ran unsuccessfully for a United States Senate seat last year. He defeated incumbent Senator Mike Gravel in the primary election, before losing to Republican Frank Murkowski in the general. Gruening is a former



Roger Lang



Nelson Angapak

member of the Alaska legislature.

Lang is president of the Alaska Native Foundation and also functions as president of the Alaska Federation of Natives. He sits on the board of directors for the Sealaska Corporation, one of the state's largest Native corporations.

President of the Native corporation, Doyon, Ltd., Wallis owns the consulting firm Wallis & Associates. He served one term in the State House of

Representatives in 1975-76. Wallis has been with Doyon since its formation in 1972, and he is a member of the board of directors at International Technology Limited, a surveying firm with offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Houston, and Portland.

AFN Chairman Angapak said, "Since Alaska Natives are such an integral part of the state's history, I'm delighted that we're able to assist in the planning of Alaska's 25th birthday as a state.