

CREST HATS—William L. Paul, Sr., one of the original founders of Alaska's oldest native organization, the Alaska Native Brotherhood, is holding a Tlingit crest hat, one of eight he and Mrs. Paul

donated to the Alaska State Museum. Paul is the longtime champion of the native people of Alaska.

Pauls Donate Paintings, Crest Hats to Alaska State Museum

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Paul, Sr., former Alaska residents now living in Seattle, Wash., are largely responsible for the featured summer exhibit at the Alaska State Museum.

The exhibit, Tlingit and Haida Crest Hats Paintings, is based on a series of 46 paintings which were executed by Mrs. Paul. She recently donated them to the museum.

Also on display are eight crest hats. One is the Tee-hit-ton crest hat which Mrs. Paul's husband presented to the museum.

Mrs. Jane Wallen, director of the State Museum, commented on the donations:

"Mr. and Mrs. Paul have made invaluable contributions to this museum. The paintings constitute an historical documentation of traditional Tlingit and Haida art, and the Tee-hit-ton hat is one of the finest pieces in the collection.

"It is through donations of this sort that we are able to return to the people of Alaska actual products of the State's traditional cultures. These objects are more than fine art—effectively interpreted they represent the

total traditional structure of the Tlingit people."

The exhibit is in progress at

this time and will continue through September 15 in the Juneau Museum.