Eben Hopson to be Native Liaison Officer for Egan

Eben Hopson will leave his post with the Alaska Federation of Natives in January to join the new Egan administration as Native Liaison Officer for the governor.

The executive director of the AFN announced his acceptance of the new position to the Board of Directors last week.

a memorandum to the AFN Board, distributed at their meeting in Anchorage on Sunday, he tendered his resignation effective December 31.

Hopson's resignation was not unexpected. He had polled members of hete AFN Board

on their reaction since Governor on their reaction since Governor Egan approached him with the offer several weeks ago. He declined to comment on his move when questioned in Anchorage except to say the de-

cision had been made almost

two weeks ago.

Members of the AFN Board would not venture a guess as to whom would replace Hopson in the AFN post.

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Byron Mallott To Head Local **Affairs Agency**

Byron Mallott, the 27 year old head of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program will join the new State administra-tion as director of the State

tion as director of the State Local Affairs agency.
His appointment was announced Monday by Governor William A. Egan. Mallott is a member of the Board of the Alaska Federation of Natives and had been head of RurAL CAP for the past 14 months.

and had been head of KurAL CAP for the past 14 months. Born in Yakutat, he served as mayor there and now lives in Anchorage. He served as a special assistant on the staff of Senator Mike Gravel, D-Alas-

Tanacross Decides to Move

The village of Tanacross, 11 miles north of Tok on the Tanana River, has decided to move.

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Trapped by the Tanana River
washing out the riverbank on
one side of town and moving
into an old river channel on
the other side of town, the
present village is cut off from
the outside world during those
times when the river is impass-

Tanacross is separated from the Alaska Highway by the river. The village council decided three months ago to move the 27 homes of the village to a location on the highway side of the river. The, move will lead to several important benefits to the village residents.

First, moving the village will provide better educational opportunities for village children. At present, the children of Tanacross attend school at a former BIA school, now operated by (Continued on Page 6)

DRAWING ON SEAL SKIN-Ralph Kowchee of White Mountain, now of McGrath, executed a dramatic pen and ink drawing on seal skin which he is selling for \$150. The art piece is in the Tundra Times office in Chena Building in Room 220, 510 2nd Ave., Fairbanks. When the drawing is sold, Kowchee is donating a percentage of the money to the Tundra Times. The drawing was posed by our comic composer operator Susan Samson who presents an excellent picture of her eye through a hole in the seal skin. See story on Page 7. —MADELYN SHULMAN Photograph

Group Tackles Thorny Land Distribution Problem Eying Unity

By MADELYN SHULMAN Staff Writer

The thorny issue of land claims and distribution will probably keep the AFN Board of Directors in session most of this week, till a proposal emerges which will bring the Arctic Slope Native Association back into the organization.

Hopefully, the AFN Board will be able to present a united Native front when it meets with State officials in Juneau at the

end of this week.

The Board met last weekend in Anchorage, continuing its sessions for two days. At the end of the weekend, despite the fact that many Board members had to return to their homes, the rest expected to continue meet-ing this week with ASNA rep-resentatives till an agreement is reached.

Discussion on Sunday centered around an ASNA outline of a proposed House of Representatives bill to settle Native land

ASINA president Joseph Upicksoun presented his group's proposal at the board meeting in Anchorage. The proposal ASNA president Joseph in Anchorage. The proposal divides Alaska's Native groups into seven Regional corpora-tions, approximating the divi-sions made in the Federal Field Commission report.

Each corporation is allocated

a percentage of whatever land and money is awarded by Con-gress, based on the land it will surrender claim to.

surrender claim to.

According to the initial ASNA proposal, the Arctic Slope, Southwest, and Southern Coastal regions each obtain 15 per cent of the total yield. The Northwest and Southeast each draw 10 per cent, the Aleutians 5 per cent and the Central region 30 per cent. region 30 per cent.

The proposal provides for a 50 per cent sharing concept, with half the revenue from each area divided among the other

Many AFN Board members objected strenuously to the ASNA proposal, which bases division of any land claims settlement on land owned or occupied, when then on propulation as rather than on population, as in the AFN proposal.

"We on our part have made a decision," Upicksoun told the AFN Board members in Anchor-AFN Board members in Anchorage, "This is a land claims settlement. As Al Ketzler said lately in Fairbanks, 'This is a real estate transaction.'"

The ASNA proposal argued that the House of Representatives refused to act on the land claims estitlement passed by the

claims settlement passed by the Senate because they felt it was unworkable.

In a preliminary analysis developed by Keith J. Anderson and Associate, the Seattle based

William A. Egan Sworn in As Governor of State of Alaska

William A. Egan, Alaska's first governor, was sworn in on Monday as Governor of Alas-ka. He began his third term He began his third term

in that office after a four year absence.
In a short speech after taking

the oath of office in the Superior Courtroom of the State Capitol building in Juneau, the new Governor headed the state into a "new decade of development".

He told the crowd that filled the courtroom the aim of his administration would be to "har-

monize and orchestrate our efforts in the common good".

"We are faced with critical problems and new directions on which much will depend in maintaining the quality of life in Alaska," Egan said. "A mdoern frontier ethic calls

and wholeness of nature, the rights of our Native people and other minorities and the values

of man that find fulfillment in all the desirable attributes of civilization."

3rd Heart Seizure-**Chief Suffers Attack**

Tanacross village chief Andrew Isaac suffered a severe heart attack on Sunday, the most recent in a series of serious illnesses which have confined the village leader to the ANS hospital in Anchorage.

The 70-year-old village leader was taken ill during a visit home to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, William Sanford, who was killed in a plane crash last week.

last week.

While home to visit his sister,

while home to visit his sister, Isaac, who had suffered a heart attack three weeks ago, was again taken seriously ill.

Due to high winds which made it impossible to land at the airport near Tanacross, Mr. Isaac was taken by ambulance to Enirhalis. to Fairbanks.

From there, he was flown to the ANS hospital in Anchorage for intensive medical treat-

Villages to Subcontract To Run Their Schools

Native communities in Alaska will be given the opportunities to run the Bureau of Indian Affairs schools in their villages, according to BIA Deputy Directors. tor of Community Services, Flore Lekanof.

Speaking at a meeting of the AFN Board of Directors in Anchorage, Lekanof announced he would be flying to four villages in Alaska this week to speak to

school boards and village councils. He will offer them the oppor-

tunity to subcontract to run the village schools, controlling per-sonnel and curriculum.

Villages who accept will assume control of BIA funds earmarked for their school and be offered aid from Bureau technical personnel to oversee opera-

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