

# 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. In 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 the AFN Board

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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# AFN DEBATES LAND QUOTAS

## 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 administration 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.

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-Alaska.

## Tanacross Decides to Move

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

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 impassable.

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)

## 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.



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

## 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 Alaska. 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 "harmonize 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 modern frontier ethic calls for recognition of the reality 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."

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## 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 Director 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

a percentage of whatever land and money is awarded by Congress, based on the land it will 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.

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

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

"We on our part have made a decision," Upicksoun told the 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 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 (Continued on Page 6)

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