

The Alaska Plan Is Working, But-

The Plan Is Running Into Financial Difficulties

ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Plan to provide equal opportunity for the construction industry in Alaska is working said the Plan's Chairman Robert Willard in a release from his

Anchorage Headquarters.

Willard said that he was aware that the Nixon Administration has plans to scrap much of the voluntary "hometown" plan concept and that this shift has caused financial woes for the Plan.

"We submitted a proposal in the amount of \$125,000 to the U.S. Department of Labor," the Chairman said, "and so far, we have had nothing but negative responses."

The Chairman said this was also true of Alaska's Congressional delegation. "I've had nothing but excuses from our congressional offices," Willard said "and this is disturbing me."

Willard said that the unions are increasing Alaska Native and other minority group work crews in adequate numbers and that "given the support of the National Administration and the Congressional Delegation, the plan will be a complete success."

He said that the State Ad-

ministration, through an Executive Order signed by Governor William A. Egan, has given the Plan a much needed boost. Governor Egan recently issued an order that will now align state projects with the Alaska Plan.

Willard, who is also the Executive Director of the Alaska Human Rights Commission said that of late all federal and state agencies letting contracts are adhering to the Plan and Contractors bidding on any federal or state funds are being spent.

The Alaska Plan Policy Board will continue to press for the funds, according to Willard.

Heritage Prevents Man from Serving

Clarence David Toledo, 23, was cleared Jan. 3 of draft evasion charges after arguing that his heritage prevented him from serving in the military or fighting in a war unless the Navajo Nation were directly threatened.

Toledo, a native of Gallup, N.M., failed to report for induction in 1969 as a conscientious objector. During his trial in Newark, N.J., Toledo told the court his great-grandfather was killed in a battle with U.S. cavalry troopers and that this had affected his attitudes toward the U.S. military.

A court ruling last summer in a related case stated that tribal religions must be treated on a par with the Christian denominational religions as a basis for conscientious objection to military service.



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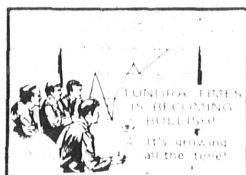
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