

# RURAL IMPACT PROGRAM

## \$9,000 for TCC—

### Bicentennial Grant

Tanana Chiefs Conference has been awarded a \$9,000 grant through the Alaska Bicentennial Commission to prepare a traveling photographic exhibit to commemorate the first meeting on Native Land Claims in 1915.

The Tanana Chiefs will provide about \$15,000 in matching funds to support the project.

The historic land claims meeting was held at the Fairbanks Library during the Fourth of July holiday in 1915.

Six Indian chiefs of the Tanana Valley, a number of village headmen, an interpreter, an Episcopal missionary, and a number of government officials including Congressional Delegate James Wickersham attended.

The photo exhibit will feature the life of the Alaskan Athabascan people at the time of the 1915 meeting. It will also include earlier material and modern photographs.

Photographs will be acquired from private collections and museums including the Smithsonian. A photographer will travel to the rural areas to copy photographs in family collec-

tions and record personal recollections of Athabascan history.

The importance of the 1915 meeting was not widely known until a transcript of the proceedings was published in 1971 by the Alaska Journal.

Chiefs from Interior Alaska called the meeting to discuss their traditional use of the land with the federal government.

Many of the issues which arose in the discussions remained at the heart of the land claims controversy up to the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act in 1971.

To allow wide distribution of the photographic history, the Tanana Chiefs plans to prepare two types of traveling exhibits.

The first, designed for circulation to rural villages, is a mailable exhibit composed of 25 matboard panels. It can be set up in community halls, post offices, stores, or schools.

The second type of exhibit will be a large version mounted on heavy panels.

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## RCA May Soon Ask Globcom To Reconsider

Communications industry sources believe that RCA Alaska Communications, Inc., and RCA Global Communications, Inc., will soon ask the Federal Communications Commission to reconsider its decision, announced last week, which would require the RCA companies to establish a new and separate corporation to own and operate RCA's satellite operations. The Tundra Times has learned that the RCA companies are expected to ask for reconsideration on several parts of the complex decision, and for clarification on others.

State officials are reportedly also considering filing a request for clarification on some points.

The FCC said that RCA must establish the separate corporation and keep all related funds separate in order to avoid cross-funding of the RCA companies.

State officials saw this as a victory. The state had filed a document in the FCC cases on Oct. 24 asking that RCA Alas-

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## Summary of Facilities Prepared to Analyze Effects of Ak Pipeline

By SUE GAMACHE

The Fairbanks Town and Village Association for Development, Inc., has prepared a Community Facilities Summary of Interior Communities outside the Fairbanks North Star Borough, according to Judy Vick, head of the Rural Impact Program.

The purpose of the summary was to gather, analyze, and disseminate information regarding the effects of trans-Alaska pipeline construction on rural interior communities.

Community facilities summaries for each of 46 communities in rural Interior Alaska have been prepared to document existing facilities and to assess community change.

Most of the information used in the summaries was initially extracted from material available

through government and/or private agencies in the state.

Because some of the available information was published several years ago or was known to be inaccurate, copies of each 3-page summary were sent to the respective communities for correction and update.

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The Rural Impact Program was implemented in March 1975, by TVA for Development, Inc. in cooperation with the Tanana Chiefs Conference and Fairbanks

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INDIAN COUNCIL HELD AT FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, JULY 5TH & 6TH, 1915.

Julius Pilot of Nenana, Alexander Titus, Han Springs, G.F. Gramer, Thomas Hoggins, C.W. Ritchie, Chief Alexander William, Tan Star of Tanana, Chief William, Tanana, Chief Alexander, Glovona, Chief Thomas, Nenana, James Wickersham, Chief Ivan of Chukotka, Chief Charlie, Chief Joe, Satehater, Chief John of Chena, John Folger of Tanana, Rev. Guy H. Menden, Paul Williams of Tanana, Interpreter

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