

# Lestenkof named to head Bureau of Indian Affairs

Jake Lestenkof, executive director of the Cook Inlet Native Association since 1977, has been named as Area Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs which oversees all BIA activities throughout Alaska.

Lestenkof assumed his new duties in Juneau May 3.

CINA has announced that Maxim Dolchok, former Deputy Director of Programs at CINA has been named to succeed Lestenkof.

Under Lestenkof's leadership, CINA underwent dramatic growth, going from a \$3.1 million annual budget in 1977 to a \$9 million annual budget in 1981. CINA had 120 employees in 1977 and grew to 200 employees providing health, educational and cultural services to more than 12,000 Native Americans residing in the Cook Inlet Region.

Lestenkof also served on the Board of Directors of Cook Inlet Region, Inc., the Alaska Children's Services, and the United Way.

He was born on St. George Island and attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School and several military schools and the Army War College.



JAKE LESTENKOF

He moved to Anchorage in 1959 while with the U.S. Department of Military Affairs. He is married to the former Sherry Valentine and has four children from a previous marriage.

Dolchok joined CINA in 1978 and prior to that was a partner in a private consulting firm involved with village and tribal relations in Alaska.

He is a member of the Governor's Committee on Energy, the Lion's Club, Johnson O'Malley Parent Committee and the Cook Inlet Housing Authority.