* State Supreme Court Gives Nod to Arctic Borough *

By THOMAS RICHARDS, JR.

FAIRBANKS - At a hearing before Supreme Court Justice Roger Conners, attorneys for seven oil companies were refused

their petition for a stay on certification of the North Slope Borough elections held on June

In allowing certification of the elections, the last prerequi-

site to organization of the bor-ough, Justice Conners stated, "I am not persuaded that immediate and irreparable injury would be suffered by the petitioners." Upon hearing the ruling of

Justice Conners, Assistant Attorney General Charles Cranston, who argued for the State Kural Boundary Commission, commented, "I don't see my way that the oil companies can ob-

struct organization now. A Certification of the vote is expected to be made by Lt. Governor H. A. "Red" Boucher on Wednesday, today, June 28, (Continued on page 11)

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BOROUGH CHAIRMAN - Eben Hopson, the newly elected chairman of the Arctic Slope Borough, is explaining the principals of the borough to the Kaktovik Eskimo audience. The borough was established after the State Supreme

Court Justice Roger Conners refused the oil companies' petition to prevent certification of the borough election.

Photo by ROGER McPHERSON

Muktuk Tidbit Sale at Tanana Valley Fair Halted By State Health

By JACQUELINE GLASGOW

Staff Writer "Muktuk is inherently unsafe.

"I eat all I can get. I just came back from Point Hope where I bought 10 lbs. from local people.'

The two conflicting statements above obviously come from two different people. Both men are health experts.

Both deal with problems of health and disease in the state of Alaska. They do not agree about the dangers of eating muk-

tuk,
The Public Health Depart-The Public Health Department of the State of Alaska has turned down a request by Tundra Times for permission to serve muktuk at the Tundra Times booth during the Tanana Valley State Fair to be held in Earthanka August 16 20

Fairbanks August 16-20.
The request was denied on the basis that muktuk can be a source of botulism and of food poisoning caused by salmonella

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Ken Torgerson, field super-visor for the State's Division of Environmental Health, said that salmonella, a common bacteria, was found in "a good many of the muktuk" they sampled. "Muktuk," he stated, "can

cause mild to serious digestive disorders, particularly if canned or preserved in an ice cellar."
The Department of Health

does not favor the sale of home-made, home-canned, or home-

processed items, such as game.

The muktuk Tundra Times was to offer for sale was purchased from Joe Frankson of Point Hope, who harvested three whales this season.

Frankson's enterprise is not considered a "home" business in Point Hope, but a valid economic undertaking, and Tundra Times purchased the muktuk for

Times purchased the muktuk for purely commercial reasons. Lacking large commercial packaging plants, muktuk is of-ten sold in Arctic communities directly to buyers and is then flown to its destination in producing aircraft.

modern aircraft.

On the day this article was on the day this article was being prepared, Senator Willie Hensley had just purchased 15 pounds of muktuk in Barrow and was enroute home to Kotzebue

Some varieties of game meat are offered for sale in the Arctic Circle in regular community grocery stores, caribou for ex-ample. Torgerson said this was authorized by the Fish and Game Department but that his own department frowns on this practice.

When the sale is to Native people, he felt there were fewer

Special Charter Flight to Northern Games at Inuvik

Would you like to see the Canadian Arctic, the historic Northwest Territory, and the colorful Northern Games at Inuvik?

A special charter flight will leave Fairbanks on July 14 at 9 p.m. and return on the 16th. Round trip fare is only \$65 and accomodations can be arranged for passengers through the Northern Games officials at Involve. Inuvik.

The Canadian games are a sister sport to Tundra Times own World Eskimo Olympics, and an exchange of athletes may become a yearly tradition, unit-ing Eskimos from all over, from

Barrow to Greenland. Contestants, dancers, and the people of Barrow, Anaktuvuk, Kotzebue, Ft. Yukon, or any of the villages who have no sched(Continued on Page 6)

Eben Hopson Confident of Job—

Borough Chairman Fills Job with Fine Past Experiences

By THOMAS RICHARDS, JR.

BARROW - Following some doubt that the election might not be certified, and after the counting of 140 challenged votes, it is now apparent that the residents of five Eskimo villages overwhelmingly endorsed the creation of a 56 million acre borough on the Arctic Slope.

Eben Hopson was elected the first chairman of the new North

Slope Borough. When the borough became officially organized, Tuesday, it became the largest municipality in the world. It is also the first-of Alaska's rural regions to a-chieve local control over economic development and educa-

None on the slope, including Chairman Hopson, had any doubt that the borough will

soon become a reality. "Primarisoon become a reality. Primari-ly, the suit by the oil companies against the Rural Boundary Commission was a tactic to delay organization of the borough," he

said.
"Once we organized, we came into control of the area that they are developing. We are the group of Native people to control over oil develop-

Tanana Chiefs Establish Doyon, Ltd.

At a historic meeting in Fairbanks today, "Doyon, Limited" elected officers, approved by-laws, and requested the initial \$500,000 from the Secretary of

S500,000 from the Secretary of Interior.
"Doyon", the Athabascan word for "Chiefs" will be the corporation for the entire interior regions of Alaska, and is considered to be one of the largest corporations in the State of Alaska.

The Executive Board of the

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Tanana Chiefs Conference will serve as the initial board of the Doyon, Limited, until the enrollment is completed and the first stockholders meeting is

The Board members are Jonathan Solomon - Fort Yukon, Ernest Holmberg - McGrath, Pat Frank - Holy Cross, Jimmy Huntington - Galena, Ronnie Sam - Allakaket, John Sackett Galena, Tim Wallis - Fairbanks,

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Be in Desperate Financial Straits If-If Pipeline Is Not Built in Alaska Gov. Egan Tells Committee WASHINGTON - Calling the

WASHINGTON — Calling the proposed trans-Alaska oil pipe-line environmentally and eco-nomically superior to a Canadian pipeline route, Alaska Governor William A. Egan said here today his state will be "in desperate financial straits" within just a few years unless the project is allowed to proceed soon

allowed to proceed soon.

Egan, in testimony to Senator
William Proxmire's Joint Eco-

nomic Committee, said Alaska has already lost "a staggering \$1.2 billion" in state revenues from the long delay in con-structing the pipeline to trans-port oil from Alaska's rich North Slope fields to market on the West Coast.

A Canadian route, which he called environmentally risky because of having to cross greater distances of permafrost.

Egan said, would cost \$8.47 billion compared to +3.5 billion for the trans-Alaska route and would increase the cost of ship-ping oil to the lower states 87.4 cents a barrel.

The Alaska governor said this would compound his state's revenue-loss problem since state oil revenues are based on the "wellhead" value, which is the (Continued on page 6)