

☆ State Supreme Court Gives Nod to Arctic Borough ☆

By THOMAS RICHARDS, JR.

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

their petition for a stay on certification of the North Slope Borough elections held on June 20.

In allowing certification of the elections, the last prerequi-

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

Justice Connors, Assistant Attorney General Charles Cranston, who argued for the State Rural Boundary Commission, commented, "I don't see any 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.

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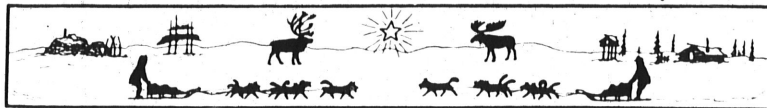
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BOROUGH CHAIRMAN — Eben Hopson, the newly elected chairman of the Arctic Slope Borough, is explaining the principals of the borough to the Kaktovik Eskimo audience. The borough was established after the State Supreme

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

— Photo by ROGER McPHERSON

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 accommodations can be arranged for passengers through the Northern Games officials at 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, uniting 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-

uled flights to Inuvik, can meet

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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 achieve local control over economic development and education.

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

soon become a reality. "Primarily, 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 first group of Native people to gain control over oil develop-

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Be in Desperate Financial Straits If—

If Pipeline Is Not Built in Alaska Gov. Egan Tells Committee

WASHINGTON — Calling the proposed trans-Alaska oil pipeline environmentally and economically 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.

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

nomics Committee, said Alaska has already lost "a staggering \$1.2 billion" in state revenues from the long delay in constructing the pipeline to transport oil from Alaska's rich North Slope fields to market on the West Coast.

A Canadian route, which he called environmentally more 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 shipping 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

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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 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

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

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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