

Koniag re-elects Wick

Jack Wick, Harry Carter, and Karl Armstrong have been retained by the Koniag board of directors as president, vice president and secretary respectively. The newly-elected board, convening immediately after the shareholders annual meeting in Kodiak on Saturday, November 11, made only one change in the slate of officers for the corporation. Perry Eaton was named treasurer, replacing Allen Panamaroff.

Four directors were up for election, one seat of which was a vacancy to be filled. Elected were Frank Peterson, Perry Eaton, Karl Armstrong, and Sven Haakanson.

Koniag region has been active in fisheries development and in preparation for offshore oil de-

velopment. The region has been participating with State, Borough, and city officials on a four-member committee which is trying to identify potential sites for such industrial activities, both oil and fisheries. The area available in Kodiak harbor is limited, so other suitable places must be found.

The Native corporation has the Chiniak facility, a former missile tracking station, which they were preparing as a possible OCS servicing area. But now, oil lease sales in the western Gulf are not scheduled till a year from now, so Koniag began looking for other uses for the site. A Region 10 official of the Job Corps has reportedly identified Chiniak as the place se-

lected for Job Corps training. Such a use will only take up a small portion of the huge installation, leaving plenty of space for any OCS uses which might come along, according to Karl Armstrong, secretary of the region.

"The main thrust of corporate activity now is the land trade," said Karl. Koniag originally wanted to select land on Afognak Island, but since that was in the Chugach National Forest they were prevented from doing so. Instead, they selected land on the Alaska Peninsula. Those lands in the trade presently being negotiated would be 360,000 acres adjacent and related to the Aniakchak Caldera area. Conservationists of the Alaska Coalition and others maintain this area is highly valuable for preservation of wildlife and scenic values, so with their co-operation, some 285,000 acres will be swapped for it, with Koniag to retain oil and gas mineral rights on the mainland.

This trade had been part of the D-2 bill that was killed recently in Congress. Karl asserts that the Koniag trade will be one of the easiest amendments to resurrect because it has the wholehearted support of ecology groups and the backing of Siegerling and Udall.

Koniag region is moving into fisheries in a large way. They have purchased stock in Kodiak Island Seafoods, Inc. (KISI), a cannery at Larson Bay which had been an outstandingly successful joint venture of three village corporations. In addition to the region, another village is buying into the operation Leisnoi, Inc., the Woody Island corporation, will join Karluk, Larson Bay and Old Harbor in the venture with every indication that still other village corporations will also become involved.



JACK WICK, President of Koniag, Inc., was re-elected to his post during the region's stockholder's meeting held in Kodiak. Pictured in the background is former AFN President Sam Kito.