



CLAIMS TEXTBOOK READY

Completion of Book Announced by Notti

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Completion of the Alaska Native Land Claims Textbook was announced this past week by Emil Notti, director of the Alaska Native Foundation.

According to Bob Arnold, editor and principal author, "The Land Claims Textbook is the first hard-bound book dealing with the destiny of the Alaska Natives."

Its special features include: 22 four-color maps showing the different regions and the areas of village land selections, a copy of the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act, black and white photographs of some of the Native leaders and numerous charts and tables.

The textbook is written for the upper secondary level.

The book starts with a foreword by Emil Notti, chairman of the Alaska Native Foundation and first president of both the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Cook Inlet Native Association. He has been Democratic State Chairman, the Democratic nominee for Congress and a deputy commissioner in the Egan Administration.

The foreword is followed by a preface/acknowledgements by Bob Arnold.

The body of the text starts by describing early times and Alaska's first settlers.

It goes on to describe other American Indian Tribes and relates their problems to those facing the Alaska Natives.

The first section focuses on the coming of the white man. It describes the incidents leading up to and including the Statehood Act.

The next section outlines the Native land claims struggle. It tells about the proposed legislation and events leading up to the legislative settlement.

The Alaska Native Land Claims Act is introduced and described in detail.

This part of the book is divided into three sections: Land and money, the corporations as a vehicle; and the Alaska Native Corporations which include Regional Business Corporations, Local Business Corporations, and other organizations.

From there it describes village corporations, limitations on selections, corporations as land owners and the public opinion on the Act.

The last section of the book is entitled, "Shaping the Future." It reviews the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act, goals of the corporations and the responsibilities of the corporations to their stockholders.

The epilogue is a narrative about Howard Rock, editor and publisher of the Tundra Times.

The textbook was inspired by the Statewide Indian Education Committee of the Alaska Unorganized Borough School District (AUBSD), and funded by the Indian Education Act.

It was prepared by the Alaska Native Foundation for the AUBSD.

The textbook will be accompanied by a teacher's guide and a student handbook. The author of these two publications is Lydia Hayes.

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LAND CLAIMS TEXTBOOK—Emil Notti, chairman of the Alaska Native Foundation, and Bob Arnold, editor and principal author of the Alaska Native Land Claims Textbook, discuss the special features of the textbook which includes 22 four-color maps showing the different regions and the areas of village land selection.

—Photo by SUE GAMACHE

WU-AT & T Oppose RCA Satellite for AK

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Today we are publishing materials from Gov. Hammond's Office of Telecommunications and from the Alaska Legislative Council's Subcommittee on Telecommunications. These materials have been specially prepared for the Tundra Times. Although it appears that the governor and the legislature are not far apart on the issues relating to RCA's satellite applications before the FCC, those matters are at issue, and the Tundra Times will publish other views from responsible spokesmen for other positions.)

The Tundra Times has learned that both Western Union and American Telephone & Telegraph have filed documents for satellite authorization to serve Alaska and the Lower 48. The matter is now before the Federal Communications Commission.

Additionally, the State of Alaska will be filing replies to these documents by presstime that will urge that RCA's planned communications satellite launch for Dec. 11 not be delayed, but will also ask that the arguments of the other two companies be seriously considered in the details of final licensing and in consideration of future launches.

Two companies controlled by the giant RCA Corporation, RCA Global Communications, Inc. ("Globcom") and RCA Alaska Communications, Inc.

("Alascom") are waiting for FCC decisions on their applications to serve Alaska and the Lower 48 with a new communications satellite, intended as the first of many. RCA does not now have any satellite authority.

Since late 1974, both the Egan and Hammond administrations have raised questions about the quality and level of service to be provided Alaska through RCA's plan, and the Ninth Legislature has addressed a resolution to the FCC on RCA's applications that parallels objections raised by the Governor's Office of Telecommunications.

In the past months, many differences on technical and

hardware questions have been resolved, but policy and financial questions still remain in dispute.

In early September, the state presented to RCA a series of proposals which, if accepted, would have caused the state to withdraw objections to the RCA application, according to Robert Walp, director of the Governor's Office of Telecommunications.

These proposals had been developed by Walp's office and the state's FCC lawyer, in

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Gwitch'in Course by TCC

On Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. people in the Fairbanks area can begin taking Gwitch'in, the language of the Ft. Yukon area, for college credit.

Katherine Peter will be the instructor for this one-credit course which is co-sponsored by the Tanana Chiefs Land Claims College and the Tanana Valley Community College.

Classes will be held at the Doyon Building, First Avenue and Hall Street. You can register at either college, or at the first class meeting. For more information call 479-7850.

Bigjim Appointed to UA's REA

FAIRBANKS Fred Bigjim, former teacher at Alaska Methodist University and Alaska Federation of Natives executive, has been appointed coordinator and liaison officer in the University of Alaska's new Office of Rural Educational Affairs.

Word of the appointment came from Dr. Frank Darnell, acting vice president for rural educational affairs.

The new office and vice presidency were created this year to provide greater educational opportunity in rural Alaska.

The university is requesting approximately \$1.5 million in its next operating budget for establishment of six regional centers in the rural areas.

In his new position, Bigjim,

an Eskimo who grew up in Nome, will serve as liaison between the university and its

rural area units, local government and the policy councils to be created to give direction to the university's rural operations.

"Part of my job," said Bigjim, "is to listen to the concerns of the rural communities and make them known to the university. I'll also be involved in program development. The needs, they're going to be made known by the communities. We'll try to implement programs that will answer these needs and we'll offer advice."

His appointment was effective Oct. 13. He will be located in Anchorage, tentatively in the university's Consortium Library there.

Bigjim has a master of educa-

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