

# Association of Interior Eskimos back El Paso

The ranks of supporters for the Trans-Alaskan Gas Pipeline routing swelled in December with the very important decision of the Association of Interior Eskimos.

The formal resolution of the tribal governing body signed by president of the association John L. Heffle, Sr., holds that this route is in the best interests of Alaska and the Interior Eskimos.

The resolution goes on to state, "we fully and

wholeheartedly support El Paso company and their desire to construct a natural gas pipeline in the already existing corridor from Prudhoe Bay."

OMAR, the citizens group seeking the Trans-Alaskan routing also noted that the Akluk development corporation joined in this resolution. Akluk is the native development corporation owned by the Association of Interior Eskimos.