

# CNI boardroom named for Meganack

One of the leaders of the past helped leaders of the present dedicate a board room for the Chugach Native Inc., at ceremonies recently.

Walter Meganack, who helped found Chugach Native, Inc. With Cecil Barnes of Cordova, John Borodkin of Tatitlek, Mary Gordaoff of Cordova, and Vincent Kvasikoff of English Bay, attended the dedication of the board room which was named the Walter Riley Meganack Sr., Boardroom.

Meganack is the traditional chief of Port Graham, president of the village corporation, and a commercial fisherman. He became active in Chugach region land claims in the 1960's and helped found CNA in 1972.

At a reception held after the dedication, CNI Chairman Edgar Blatchford placed a plaque bearing Meganack's name on the room's door. A portrait of Meganack commissioned for the occasion from Anchorage artist



WALTER MEGANACK

Judy Putnam was unveiled by Alaska Federation of Natives president's Roger Lang, Sam Kito and Willie Hensley.

At the unveiling, Kito declared "There are three types of leaders in Alaska. Those in the

present must understand the past and the future. As the old leaders move on, the younger leaders come forward. I hope in the future that there is a consideration for the past. I hope that Walt, as a leader of the past and present will be considered a guide for the future."

Hensley, president of the NANA Development Corp., agreed. "Chugach is trying to do what a lot of us are trying to do...to marry the past with the future. We cannot do so without remembering the real leaders of our regions."

Mrs. Meganack was presented with a yellow rose for the reception. Her visit to Anchorage was the first she has taken outside of Port Graham for 18 years. She was met at the reception by her son and daughter who live in Anchorage.

CNI hopes eventually to place pictures of its past and present board members on the conference room walls.