

Bethel Boasts Modern Facility . . .

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sisting totally of Bethel area Natives. According to Langlie, the crew consisted of men whose only experience was boat building, but Langlie stated that their enthusiasm and responsiveness contributed to the early completion of the project.

Eddie Hoffman, the personable president of the Bethel Native Corporation and Mayor of Bethel, takes obvious pride in talking about the project. According to Hoffman, "everybody's been hollering about housing for some time now so we did something. Now they've got some good housing."

Not only does Bethel have improved housing, but they also have some of the best hotel accommodations in remote Alaska, since one of the two buildings will be used initially for that purpose.

The hotel building consists of 23 rooms, each one having a complete kitchen. The units will rent for a reasonable \$20/night.

The second building will be strictly apartments containing 17 one and 5 two bedroom units. Dan Johnson, Manager of the complex indicated that only five were left unrented by the time

the project was finished.

Johnson, a former principal from Adak and AVCP student housing director said the intent of the BNC project was to attract higher income people now living in Alaska State Housing Bethel Heights project by doing so make room in the ASHA project for more lower income people.

Both Hoffman and Kreuzenstein had expressed the same feelings earlier. Whether or not the strategy works completely is yet undetermined. But in any case the joint enterprise between the Bethel Native Corporation and Gittins Construction has left Bethel with the nicest new apartment/hotel complex in rural Alaska.



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Legal Work by ALSC for Calista Shareholders

Calista Corporation has granted Alaska Legal Services Corporation the sum of \$32,000 Frank Flavin, Executive Director announced recently.

The grant award has been made to support that program's work in legal representation of shareholders of Calista Corporation who are seeking Native allotments from the federal government.

Russell Gallagher, Council for Calista, indicated there are over 2,000 applications for 160 acre Native Allotments in the Calista Region.

The Bureau of Land Management, the federal agency charged with adjudicating these claims, has indicated that they will be rejecting a large portion of these claims.

The law which grants these claims to Alaska Natives says that in order to get the land a Native person must have used and occupied it for a 5-year period prior to the passage of Alaska Native Settlement Claims Act, December 18, 1971.

It is going to be difficult to prove this in many cases arising in the Calista Region as Native lifestyle on the tundra makes the use of land without leaving any marks the rule rather than the exception.

Lewis Schapper, Supervising Attorney in Bethel, Alaska Legal Services Corporation Office, says that the bulk of these funds will be used to allow Alaska Legal Services Corporation to match the facilities the federal government can use in obtaining evidence either in the form of physical evidence of use of affidavits by local people.

This should allow the Natives to present thorough evidence to the Bureau of Land Management and to the appeal board, the Interior Board of Land Appeals that they have in fact used the land.

Frank Flavin stated that pursuing Native Allotments appeals through the courts is the first priority of his program.

Alaska Legal Services Corporation will consider any rejection or cut back of allotted acreage and intends to fight each and every case.

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