



# EDWARDS FOR JUDGE OPPOSED

## Walunga Found Guilty of First Degree Murder

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FAIRBANKS — A Fairbanks Superior Court Judge has found Allen Riley Walunga guilty of first degree murder in the death of Jody Rae Stambaugh and of assault with attempt to kill her roommate, Debby Dimond.

Judge Gerald Van Hooissen handed down the verdict Monday and set sentencing for Thursday afternoon, on a defense request to direct the sentence with speed.

Defense attorney Dave Backstrum said Walunga had been locked up for six months and needed mental health treatment without further delay.

Backstrum also added hastily that since the court accepted arguments that Walunga was an anti-social personality that he be lodged in the state jail at Nome, so his family could visit him.

Walunga, 22, of Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, was charged last December with the strangulation-rape of Jody Stambaugh, while both were students at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

Authorities said he killed her, then attempted to kill her roommate when she returned to the room early on the morning of Dec. 10.

Walunga testified that the voice of an evil spirit had commanded him in the Yupik Eskimo tongue to "take her" and that he fought a mental struggle with the spirit to no avail before taking her life.

Walunga, the grandson of a shaman on St. Lawrence Island, said he had inherited the powers of a shaman and in his life had

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## American Indian Art Exhibition Now at UA

FAIRBANKS — A travelling exhibition of Contemporary American Indian Art is currently on view to the public at the University of Alaska art department on the Fairbanks campus and will be there until June 29.

The exhibit occupies both the student gallery and the main gallery in the art wing of the Fine Arts Complex.

The collection is from the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and its exhibition was made possible by a grant from the Alaska Council for the Arts and coordinated in Fairbanks by the Alaska Association for the Arts.

The galleries are open to the public at no charge from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



DAVID HOPKINS, an American scientist working in Alaska and Andrei Sher, Candidate of Science (Geology and Mineralogy), who is engaged in research on the other side of the Bering Strait, had the opportunity to meet and discuss the problems of the Bering coast which was the subject of the symposium held in Khabarovsk (the Soviet Far East) in May this year.

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## Land Bridge Across Bering Sea?

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Dr. David Hopkins, a geologist with the US Department of the Interior, was one of the participants at a symposium held in the Soviet Far Eastern city of Khabarovsk on the subject: the Bering region and its significance for the development of holarctic flora and fauna in the Cenozoic Era.

The Khabarovsk symposium, sponsored by the USSR Academy of Sciences and the Far Eastern Science Center, attracted 150 leading geologists, paleontologists, anthropologists, biologists, botanists and ethnographers from Moscow, Leningrad, Novosibirsk and other Soviet cities, as well as scientists from the United States, Canada, Japan, the German Democratic Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, and other countries.

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## Dissension Hits 13th Region--

### Alaska Native Association of Oregon Withdraws

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The bad luck that has clung to the 13th Regional Corporation concept continues to hang like a black cloud over all activities connected with it, and dissension within the questionable Esk-Ind-Al corporation has grown to ominous proportions.

In spite of hard sell promotional material mailed out to Alaska Natives living outside the state (neatly packed into a Seattle First National Bank envelope), mistrust about the motives and legality of the Esk-Ind-Al keep surfacing.

The Alaska Native Association of Oregon has announced its withdrawal from Esk-Ind-Al in a soul-searching letter directed at fellow natives in a similar position.

Presented to the members of the Alaska Federation of Natives in Seattle, Washington, the letter affirms ANAO's belief in a 13th corporation but revealed a history of bickering and in-fighting within Esk-Ind-Al.

Listing such abuses as "questionable use of proxies in voting", "railroading of resolutions and issues", "unbusiness-like handling of financial matters", and "a singular lack

## Opinion on Stevens Village Affair Cited by Several State Lawyers

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FAIRBANKS — The possible nomination of G. Kent Edwards for the U.S. District Court judge's seat now open in Anchorage has brought objections from members of the Alaska State Bar Association and raised the ghost of the 1970 Stevens Village lawsuit.

A vocal group of attorneys meeting in Fairbanks for the Bar convention expressed grave doubts about Edwards' nomination to Senator Ted Stevens, citing lack of trial experience for Alaska's 32 year old U.S. Attorney.

Others revived memories of Edwards' intervention in the Stevens Village lawsuit in the spring of 1970.

As the Attorney General for the State of Alaska, Edwards' actions in that instance raised serious questions of professional ethics. These were investigated by the State Legislature and subsequently referred to the Ethics Committee of the Alaska Bar Association.

Sen. Stevens last week assured the lawyers that he would make no attempt to dictate the District Court selection, although in many instances that privilege is given to the senior senator.

Instead, Stevens said he would submit a list of three names to the U.S. Justice Department and he urged all those interested in the post to make their interest known.

Several attorneys' names are being mentioned as possibilities, along with Judge Victor Carlson of Juneau and Judge Art Robson of Fairbanks.

There are only two District Court judges for the state of Alaska and should Edwards be appointed, he could conceivably serve 30 years on the federal bench.

Before he could be appointed, however, Stevens indicated that a poll may be taken of the American Bar Association as well as the Alaska State Bar. In that case, the Ethics Opinion issued on the Stevens Village case may well stand between Edwards and the district judiciary.

In 1970, the people of Stevens Village had filed suit in federal court to withdraw waivers they had earlier granted to allow TAPS (Trans-Alaska Pipeline System) to construct a haul road across lands on which they had filed aboriginal land rights.

The waivers were granted on promises by TAPS that the native people of the area would be given preferential treatment in hiring and that a native owned company, DNH Corporation, would be allowed to bid on contracts in connection with the construction of the road and the pipeline.

The suit charged that the promises by TAPS were not kept and that DNH was not even placed on the mailing list for potential bidders. DNH then requested that Alaska Legal Services act on behalf of the village (designated as stockholders in DNH) in filing suit.

Congressman Don Young,

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## Polar Bear Hide For Zuni Religious Rites

ZUNI, New Mexico — The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has presented a polar bear hide to the Zuni Indians of New Mexico for use in the tribe's religious ceremonies.

Vern Roberts, director of the department's administration division, participated in the presentation at the tribe's pueblo house in Zuni.

The hide was donated in cooperation with the New Mexico Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

The polar bear hide replaces another white bear skin which had been worn down to a small piece through more than 150 years of use by the tribe.

The question is asked: Is  
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