

Calista: Nick Replaces Notti

Meeting in Bethel April 24 - 26, representatives of the Association of Village Council Presidents reorganized the profit-making arm, Calista Corporation, expanded the board of directors, and brought the corporation back closer to home and closer to the people.

Robert Nick was elected new chairman of the board, replacing Fred Notti who came under fire over the audit report. Center of much of the controversy was a \$45,000 figure which was set as the salary for former Calista general manager, Dave Silva.

Silva was fired by the corporation but later sued for the remainder of his contract. Notti reported that Silva settled for \$22,500 out of court with an allowance included for moving back to Nevada.

A majority of AVCP members agreed that the offices for the economic branch of the native region should be located in Bethel rather than in Anchorage.

The members had decided at their meeting in March that a small board of five members was not representative of the people and had requested the Secretary of the Interior to allow expansion to 13 members, ten "administrative unit representatives" and three at-large members.

The new board members are Martin Moore, Moses Paukin, Fred Notti, Eddie Hoffman, David Nicholai, Showalter Smith, Ray Christiansen, Herman Neck,

Tim Kaganak, Joshua Clevelands, Robert Nick, Gladys Jung, and Harold Napoleon.

With Nick heading the newly structured group, the vice-chairman will be Ray Christiansen, and secretary-treasurer will be Showalter Smith.

The meetings concluded with the resolution that the offices for Calista be moved to Bethel as soon as possible and that the corporation examine its functions, whether it is to be a straight business corporation, or "business tempered with social reform."