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AFN THEME: RESOURCES - LAND AND HUMAN

Scene: At Statewide Meet—

Self-Determination a Reality

By NANCY BRELSFORD

A statewide meeting on Public Law 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, took place in Anchorage on September 23 through 26, 1975. Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. sponsored the meeting which was held at the Cook Inlet Native Association hall.

The workshop provided an opportunity for regional representatives to review and comment upon the proposed rules and regulations for P.L. 93-638.

The recommendations resulting from the five work groups were summarized into a comprehensive Alaska Native position paper and submitted to the Indian Health Service September 30, 1975.

The elected representatives, Carl Jack, Director, Health Affairs, Anchorage; and Robert J. Clark, Program Director, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, Dillingham, will gather and put together the recommendations of the workshop and translate them to a position paper which will be used as a response to both Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs proposed regulations, as published in the Federal Register.

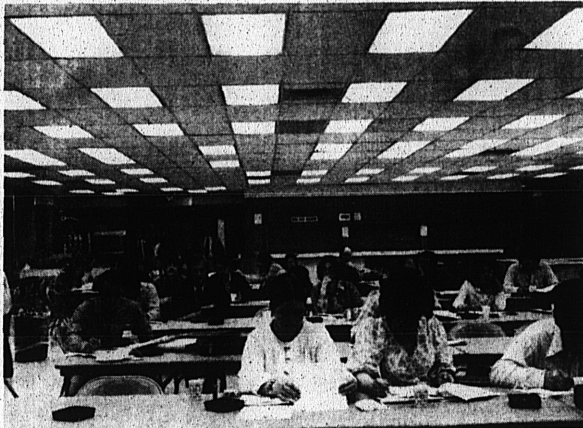
Additionally, the position paper will be used as the testimony before the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the Senate, scheduled for October 20, 1975. This scheduled hearing, called by Senator Henry M. Jackson, is the oversight hearing on P.L. 93-638, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

Initially, greetings and introduction of moderators, consultants and guests were made by Gordon Jackson, Executive Vice President of Human Resources, A.F.N., Inc.

The consultants and guests were present to help the workshop groups understand legal terms and implications of the wording found in the Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs proposed procedures.

The consultants circulated and moved around the four major workshops and were quite busy explaining definition of terms and implications as set forth by the Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs proposed procedures.

Present were Mike Gross, a lawyer representing the Coalition of Indian Controlled School Boards, Santa Fe, N.M.; John Wabsunsee, a Potowalami lawyer from Boulder, Colorado, representing the Native American Rights Fund, an Indian Interest



FIRST DAY OF PL 93-638 meeting. Front row, Sonya Leavitt, Barrow, Loretta Kenton, Barrow, Don Nielson, Dillingham. Second row, Mike Gross, lawyer, Coalition of Indian Controlled School Boards.



I.H.S. WORKSHOP. L. to R. from back, Mary Susook, AFN, Inc., recorder, Carl Jack, moderator, AFN, Inc., Tom Okpealuk, Cook Inlet Native Association, Darell Trigg, Nome, Loretta Kenton, Barrow, Irene Moller, Anchorage, Dan Rounds, Bethel, Bob Woodard, Copper Center. Hard at work.



PERSONNEL WORKSHOP. L. to R. Jim Anaver, Kipruk, Alvin Ivanoff, Bethel, moderator, Dennis Tiepman, Kotzebue. Studying rules and regulations of PL 93-638.

law firm funded by Ford Foundation.

Also present from Washington, D.C. was Jacob Pompan, a lawyer who specializes in government contracts.

The workshop manual that he wrote and developed for Tanana Chiefs Conference, "Indian Self-Determination and

Education Assistance Act, Public Law 93-638" was used as one of the tools to help understand the implications of the law as it affects Alaska Natives.

Initially, four work groups began the session. A moderator and reporter were assigned to each one. Their roles required that they guide and note

Board Picks Theme After Chief Lame Deer Declaration

The theme of this year's AFN Annual Convention which was chosen by the AFN, Inc. Board of Directors at their Aug. 23 meeting in Cordova is RESOURCES — LAND AND HUMAN.

This theme is further explained by a quote from Lame

Deer — "We must all see ourselves as part of this earth, not as an enemy from the outside who tries to impose his will on it. We... know that, being a living part of the earth, we cannot harm any part of her without hurting ourselves."

The AFN offices are buzzing with the excitement of planning the Convention and taking care of the last minute details of the Convention.

We will be having three major panels this year on Land, Human Resources, and Education; in

addition, we will be having workshops and hearings on the areas of revenue sharing, telecommunications, outer continental shelf, banking & securities, commerce, and manpower.

It's promising to be a very informative time for all this year and we hope everyone is planning to attend. If you have any questions at all regarding the Convention, please don't hesitate to call Donna Christie, Convention Chairperson, at 274-3611.

To Be Named at TT Banquet— Citizen of the Year

Last year the AFN, Inc. Board of Directors passed a motion to have an AFN, Inc. Citizen of the Year Award during the Annual Convention.

The Award is to be presented to an individual who has been dedicated to Alaska Natives in the Native Movement which is now taking place. The first recipient of this Award was Frank Degnan from Unalakleet.

AFN is now soliciting nominations for this Award. The nominations are open to the public and you may send your nominations to Sam Kito,

President, AFN, Inc.; 670 West Fireweed Lane; Anchorage, Alaska 99503 along with a brief explanation as to why you think your nomination should be the AFN, Inc. Citizen of the Year.

Nominations for this Award will close Friday, October 17th. The nominations will then be reviewed by the Board of Directors and an announcement is scheduled during the Tundra Times Banquet to be held the first night of the Convention at the Captain Cook Hotel beginning at 8:00 PM.

Towaruk to Justice Committee

AFN President, Sam Kito, recently announced the appointment of Tim Towaruk of Unalakleet to the Bush Justice Implementation Committee. The Committee is investigating justice delivery problems in rural Alaska from the village native point of view.

The next Implementation Committee meeting will be held in Bethel in association with the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) meeting now planned for October 29, 30, 31.

It will be a problem-solving

meeting aimed at a particular justice problem identification in the Bethel area. Local people are invited to contact the Committee while in Bethel. Please watch Bethel news outlets for further information.

The Committee staff will be traveling in the Bethel area between October 1 and 11 in preparation for the upcoming Committee meeting. Weather permitting, the staff plans to visit several villages surrounding Bethel for two to four days each.

discussions and recommendations of the participants. All reporters assigned to each group came from various A.F.N. departments.

The participants represented all regions and their comments and recommendations on P.L. 93-638 formed the heart of this meeting

as their presence served as the most important aspect of this gathering. They were responsible for:

1. Being familiar with P.L. 93-638, its intent and purpose;
2. Speaking for their regions;
3. Reading various position

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