

Friendly But Meaningful-Demonstration

By MARILYN RICHARDS What was described to be a "friendly demonstration" against the Bureau of Land Management's Native allotment requirements took place in Glennallen

A high official of Ahma, Inc., who asked to remain unidenti-fied, told the Tundra Times that Ahtna, Inc. was not officially backing the protest but were helping Native applicants who feel they are being discriminated against by requirements set by the BLM prior to withdrawal of lands

lands. "Each regional corporation is in this predicament" said our source, and added it is "pretty unfair."

Native grievances disted are 1) Why does it take 4-6 years for patents for homesteads and 10-30 years for the allotments? 2) land inspectors' uses of land other than evidence of subsistence or residence 3) the differ-ence of sand and gravel mineral classifications between the allotment qualifications and those set by the Alaska Native Claims Set-tlement Act 4) use of occupan-

Emily Brown Autographs Her Book

The public is invited to meet Emily Ivanoff Brown of Unala-kleet; author of "Grandfather of Unalakleet, Lineage of Alluyag-nak," at the Borealis Book Store

nak, at the Boreans Book Store on May 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. Emily, who is known as "Ticasuk" in Eskimo, will sign copies of her book, which in-cludes material dating back to Russian-Alaskan days. Emily received her Master's

Emily received her Master's Degree in Communication Arts from the University of Alaska in 1973. She is a grandmother, who is still working and writing about her people. The Fairbanks chapter of the

Alaska Press Women is sponsor-ing the autograph party. Refresh-ments will be served.

cy 5) for what reasons did Assist-ant BLM Secretary Jack Horton of Washington, D.C. write the October, 1973 memorandum? 6) the Oct. 18, 1973 memoran-dum states, "... if a Native has completed five year occupan-cy."

cy...." The Natives also submitted The Natives also submitted a list of suggestions for changes that included 1) immediate dis-missal of John Tiffany, the BLM realty specialist in Glennallen de-scribed as "harsh on Native al-lotments." 2) question Natives for additional information 3) sand and gravel not be in min-eral classifications 4) requirement of five years for residency (Continued on page 6)



Commissioner Thompson plans week's visit

BIA Commissioner Coming to Visit

of Indian Affairs Bureau Bureau of Indian Affairs Commissioner Morris Thompson is planning a week's visit in Alas-ka beginning May 24. It will be his first trip back to the 49th State since his appointment as commissioner last December.

Thompson's tentative itinerary will bring him to Anchorage first with a press conference set for May 24. He will go then to Fairbanks, spend the three-day weekend in the Tanana area, re-turn to Anchorage the 28th to meet with Alaska Federation of Natives leaders and go to Juneau May 29.

It is possible the commission-

er may get to other communities, also, according to a BIA spokesman.

Except to touch base with officials of Regional Corporations and other Native leaders, Thompson has not indicated a special purpose for this visit. Some speculation about pos-

sible political ambitions in Alas-sible political ambitions in Alas-ka were laid to rest by a press release last Friday (May 3) in which the commissioner said he would not run for lieutenant governor on a ticket with former Governor Walter Hickel. He did not comment on

whether he might consider other offices.

In Honor of Dows-**Tradititional Potlatch**

FAIRBANKS - Native boar ding home students who found the late Virginia Dows to be a friend as well as a counselor honor her memory Saturday with a traditional potlatch featuring Native foods, song and denace dances.

The students wanted it to be traditional," said Carol Drake, rairoanks coordinator for the boarding home program under the Tanana Chiefs Conference who worked with the students to coordinate the potlatch. "They don't even want coffee; just tea," she said. The notlatch to board of Fairbanks coordinator for the

The potlatch, to begin at noon Saturday at the Gold Dome building at Alaskaland,

honors a woman whose sudden death in a auto accident shortly before Christmas, hit especially at the more than 200 hard boarding home students she had worked with since the Tanana Chiefs took over the boarding home program in September, 1973.

"She was very popular with the students," said Drake, who also serves as the boarding home tutor-counselor in Fairbanks also serves as the server as the server as the server as the server active with the server active Native Association

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Buckley May Observe Whaling-At Pt. Hope Village

Senator James Buckley, R-New York, is expected to be in the village of Point Hope this month and do a bit of observing

whaters at that ancient village. The idea of doing this was started last year but Buckley's May schedule in the U.S. Senate proved to be a full one.

Senator Buckley enjoys un-usual types of adventure. Although the Senator will not take part in wielding of weapons, his host, Captain Seymour Tuzroyluke, may allow him to take part in paddling the umiak (skinboat) in the event the crew

actually takes pursuit of a whale. To date, Laura Bergt, who is coordinating the planned trip, is waiting for the confirmation of the dates from Buckley's Wash-ington office. If this comes through, Senator Buckley will arrive in Fairbanks on May 19 and then fly to Kotzebue and Point Hope on May 20. Three Point Hope whaling

captains and their crews have gotten whales so far this month, and they are: Joe Frankson, Billy Weber and Amos Lane. Two whales have been caught

at the village of Barrow.

World Eskimo-Indian Olympics July 25-26-27

By MARGIE BAUMAN FAIRBANKS – The 1974 World Eskimo-Indian Olympics, three days of traditional Native sports, singing and dancing, has been set for July 25, 26, and 27 at the University of Alaska. President Roger Lang of the Alaska Federation of Natives Inc. and Al Grant of Tanana

have been named masters of ceremony and the deadlines set for sports, queen competition and all other events.

Applications for the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics Queen competition must be submitted by July 8 and the deadline for all other events, including the Olympics baby competition, all

sports and other skilled events is July 20. Olympics chairman Chris

Anderson, executive director of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, said applications received after those dates will not be accepted

The Olympics, an annual fund raising event for the Tundra Times, set to follow by two days

the annual Fairbanks Golden Days celebration, will be pre-ceeded this year by another fund-raiser to meet operational costs that must be met before the games.

will be in the form of a Fourth of July picnic, tenta-tively set for Alaskaland. "There (continued on page 6)