

Held in Haines—

63rd Annual Convention of Alaska Native Brotherhood

A full delegation was in attendance at the 63rd Annual Convention of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp in Haines, Alaska, Nov. 10-15, 1975.

For many years the ANB was the only organized voice for the Alaska Native on issues affecting their lives. The week was an enthusiastic endorsement, and support of the organization shown in presentations called "the good of the order," gifts and financial contributions.

Not since 1929 has the convention been held in Haines. The historic decision to file a suit against the U.S. Government for taking of land in Southeast Alaska was made at that convention.

A position statement on three issues was endorsed by the convention. The first position speaks to Public Law 93-638 regarding Indian Self-determination.

It is the position of the ANB that it is totally opposed to the definitions of tribes in Alaska as contained in the Indian Self-

determination Act because it is totally unsuitable to the culture of the ethnic groups in Southeast Alaska.

Of all the subjects addressed at the convention, this was the most serious one. The second position was in the Limited Entry legislation.

The convention urges corrective legislation that will allow into the industry persons who have spent a lifetime in the industry, but who for reasons beyond their control were unable to qualify for entry permits because of their inability

to meet a technical requirement; that persons who can document history of involvement in the fisheries industry with earnings totaling a major portion of their annual income be permitted into the fishery of their choice.

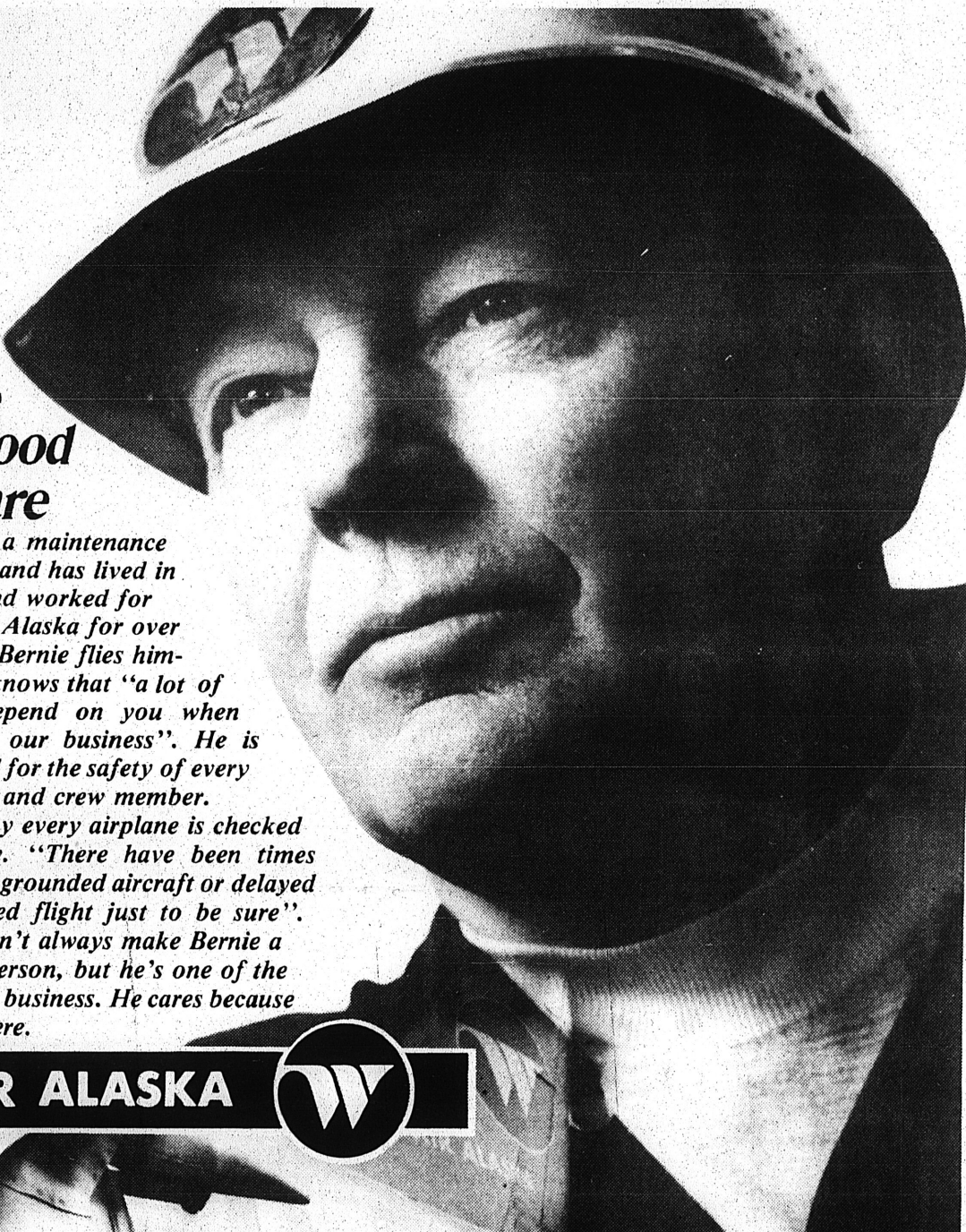
It is the considered judgment of the delegation that laws injurious to its citizens should be amended and pledges involvement for remedial legislation. The third position statement recognizes the need for cooperative efforts among the Alaska Native Brotherhood,

Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska, Central Council and Sealaska for highest uses of resources available.

The keynote address was delivered by Gerald Ivey, area director, Alaska Area Native Health Services, Anchorage, Alaska who directed his remarks to the theme, "The role of Native Organizations in Government."

Special guests to the convention were Mrs. Mary Jane Fate, national president of North American Indian Women's As-

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