

Alfred Ketzler Named-

AAIA Elects Alaskan to Board

Alfred Ketzler, technical assistance director of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., was elected to the board of directors for the Association on American Indian Affairs at its annual meeting in New York on May 7.

The Association of American Indian Affairs celebrated its fiftieth anniversary this year; has a membership of approximately 75,000; and a board of directors consisting of tribal leaders, doctors, lawyers, editors, and people from all walks of life.

The association has been actively engaged, for many years, in the defense of Indian land rights and gaining recognition for Indian tribes that have been denied federal services in violation of their treaty rights.

With respect to Alaskan Natives, the association assisted in the Nenana intervention in

Alaska versus Udall and also actively supported AFN in its struggle to win a just settlement of the Alaska Native Land Claims.

"The Association on American Indian Affairs has had a long standing interest in the rights of the Native people of Alaska, and we feel that having Ketzler on the board of directors will strengthen our knowledge and understanding of the issues that face Alaskan Natives as they strive to implement the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act," said William Byler, executive director for the association.

Ketzler, who has been active for many years in Alaskan Native affairs, will serve a four-year term on the association's board of directors.