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# **This week in Alaska Native History**

## **- 5 yrs. ago -**

### **Alaskan receives national award**

Elaine Ramos vice president for institutional development at Sheldon Jackson College, was named Outstanding American of the Year by the National Indian Council Fire

Mrs. Ramos, a Tlingit Indian

from Yakutat, Alaska has assisted in the formation of national legislation and funding for American Indian educational programs.

The annual award will be presented to Mrs. Ramos in Washington, D.C., on January 19. The Sitka resident is currently on a one-year leave of absence from

SJC and is working in native language development for the Northern Educational Research Center at the University of Alaska.

### **Doyon adds two staff members**

Doyon, Limited, the regional Native corporation of the Interior, has added two staff members to its Fairbanks office

Donna Frank, formerly of Ft. Yukon, will serve as assistant accountant, effective January 14, and Margie Bauman, a photo-journalist associated with the Tundra Times, was named as administrative assistant to Doyon president John C. Sackett.

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### **New name for Minto**

When the village of Minto moves to a new location this spring, it will be welcomed by a new name.

The new village, to be located on the Tolovana River, twenty miles north from the present site, will probably be called, "CHICHALYU."

Former Chief Richard Frank and Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times, worked the spelling of the word out to follow the sounds.

"Chichalyu" means "the back fin of the fish."

Although Minto villagers seem to favor the name Chichalyu, they are still thinking of other names.

### **AFN reps to ask Hickel to retain land freeze**

A four-member team representing the Alaska Federation of Natives is in Washington, D.C., today and plans to ask Interior Secretary-designee Walter J. Hickel to retain the "land freeze" imposed by outgoing Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall.

Emil Notti, president of the AFN said that if he and three other AFN representatives could not get Hickel to agree to retain the land freeze, they would attempt to get an acceptable alternative for protection of native land should the freeze be lifted.

In exchange for granting the request, the AFN is prepared to endorse Hickel for the Interior cabinet post.

### **Gruening named new editor**

Former Senator Ernest Gruening of Alaska has been appointed

as a contributing editor for The Nation, an independent magazine.

Gruening, who served as U.S. Senator for ten years was defeated in his bid for re-election by the new senator, Mike Gravel of Anchorage.

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### **First time photos taken of Point Hope dancers**

For the first time ever, the Point Hope dancers have allowed photographs to be taken of their ancient dances.

The dancers met several times before deciding to allow a Tundra Times representative to photograph the ten dances.

The dances, performed just once a year, include the intricate workings of a marionette, fully clad in Eskimo garb.