

Tyonek Delegation Attends State Democratic Convention in Juneau

A delegation of Tyonek people went to Sitka not long ago to attend the Democratic state convention.

The Tyonek people visited with many friends in Sitka and after the convention was over, they went to Juneau to observe the state legislature in action.

The TYONEK NEWS-

LETTER printed the following about the legislature:

"The visit to the Juneau legislature was not only interesting but we gained more respect for both parties who are working so hard for the betterment of the State of Alaska.

"We've seen them in action on Native bills that we've

waited so long for and the interest they've shown toward the Natives of Alaska was really heartwarming.

"We attended the hearing on the Native Land Claims Bill which the Senate Finance Committee, chaired by Senator Hammond, took their own time after a long day of hard work.

"The hearing was held from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Attorney General Boyko done a real good job of testifying on behalf of the Natives as well as Roger Connor and Barry Jackson.

"Tyonek is real proud of those mentioned and would especially like to thank Governor Hickel for his swift action.

"The only bad thing about the trip was rain, and more rain. We were lucky to get 5 minutes of sunshine in Juneau and some good pictures."

There are now 3,862 VISTA Volunteers in the United States.



FLOOD VOLUNTEERS who worked under BIA supervision during Chena-Tanana flood received commendations and monetary awards this week in Fairbanks. They are (L to R.): Martin Karmun, Ingrid Gerling, Hal Beals, Sam Hamon, Agnes Mayo, Edward Cox, Mary Moses, Allen Donnelly, Peter P. Three Stars, Maynard Eakon, and Art Patterson. Not present: Thomas Stump, Melvin H. Posey, Philip Kelly, Patricia Ernstrom, O'Dean Williamson. —Photo by Jerry Osten, BIA

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BIA Awards Flood Workers

Sixteen people received commendations and awards from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Wednesday.

Volunteers Agnes Mayo, Maynard Eakon, Thomas Stump and Allen Donnelly, who worked under BIA direction during the flood, received letters of commendation signed by Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Robert L. Bennett.

BIA Fairbanks Agency employees received monetary awards with letters of commendation signed by Owen D. Morken, BIA Area Director at the time of the flood. They

were:

Peter P. Three Stars, \$350; Ingrid Gerling, \$400; Edward Cox, \$300; Mary Moses, \$300; Sam Hamon, \$300; E. Arthur Patterson, \$350; Hal Beals, \$300; Martin Karmun, \$300; Melvin H. Posey, \$300; Philip Kelly, \$300; Patricia Ernstrom, \$500; and O'Dean Williamson, \$500.

The letters praised the award winners for performance reflecting "the highest degree of dedication to duty despite personally hazardous conditions and extreme sacrifice and hardship."



PETER P. THREE STARS, was presented a check for \$350 from the BIA for his outstanding work as BIA Liaison Officer during the August 1967 Chena-Tanana flood. He is presently Tribal Operations Officer for the BIA Fairbanks Agency and a member of the Board of Directors of the Tundra Times. Mr. Three Stars hails from Pine Ridge, S. Dak., and is a full-blooded Sioux. He has been in Alaska since 1958 and worked in Southeastern Alaska and at Unalakleet, where he was a teacher. —Photo by Jerry Osten, BIA

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