

# *Establish 13th Region: Judge Gasch*

U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Gasch has ordered the Department of the Interior to Establish a 13th region for non-resident Alaskan Natives.

As a result of the order, Acting Interior Secretary Kent Frizzell has sent telegrams to 17 nonresident Native associations to provide eligibility informations this week for incorporators of the region.

The Judge ordered the Interior Department to ask the non-resident Native organizations to submit names of up to five nominees for election as incorporator and members of an interim board of trustees of the 13th region.

The nominees (five) who

receive the largest share of votes will be named incorporators and will prepare bylaws for the proposed region. They will also be given the job of creating the initial board of directors of the corporation that will serve until the first meeting of the stockholders or until the successors are elected.

Under Judge Gasch's timetable, the articles of incorporation must be approved by Jan. 1, 1976 and the first meeting of the stockholders and election of the board of directors must be held by February 1, 1976. If the above timetable is met, the newly created corporation must be paid its share of money by February 15, 1976.