

ANB, THCC plan joint office building

If all goes according to plan, the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) and the Tlingit and Haida Central Council will be co-owners of a 3-story office/community building in Juneau by 1983.

Success of the proposed venture hinges on the acquisition of additional property bordering the present ANB Hall's Willoughby Avenue site. The additional property is needed to allow the Tlingit and Haida Central Council to participate in the project.

The ANB Juneau Camp secured a state grant to build a new community building late in the 1981 Legislative session. Tlingit and Haida, after several attempts at planning a new office building had been scrapped for various reasons, approached the Brotherhood with the idea of combining resources to construct a building large enough to accommodate the needs of both organizations. The Brotherhood agreed to the plan and are being very co-operative in the

overall planning process.

Schematic phase drawings have been completed for the ANB portion of the project. One concept is for the ANB community building alone and the other concept includes the ANB/T-HCC joint ownership floor plan.

Should all hurdles be cleared and construction begin, upon completion of the building the ANB will occupy the first floor and Tlingit and Haida will occupy the second and third floors.

According to T-HCC executive director Raymond Paddock, financing for Tlingit and Haida's portion of the building "does not present a problem. We're very much looking forward to this project and feel that we can better serve the needs of our community by combining our two organizations in this plan for a co-ownership building.

"Doing so will enable the ANB to expand their present floor plan and will also give Tlingit and Haida its critically

needed office space in an excellent location. The Sealaska Corporation has been very cooperative and understanding in extending our original lease at a time when they need office space just as much as we do. We're very grateful to them for that," Paddock adds, "realizing that they are making a substantial financial sacrifice in extending our lease."

The two organizations (ANB and T&H) recently hired Percy Hope to coordinate the planning phase of the proposed office building.