

# Walt Disney Subsidiary Awards Eskimo Actor Out of Court

FAIRBANKS — A dispute between a Wainwright man and a subsidiary of Walt Disney Enterprises has been settled out of court with payment of \$420 and a 40 horsepower outboard motor.

"The check was compensation for the difference in cost of the outboard motor that Rossman Peetook was promised for his acting role in the feature film "Tundra Summer" and the motor Peetook actually received, Alaska Legal Services attorney Eric Treisman said Monday.

In the isolated Eskimo village of Wainwright, Eskimos use outboard motors on their boats while hunting walrus, seal and

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whale for food and many other uses.

So when Peetook agreed to the acting role, he asked Cangary Limited of Burbank, Calif., a subsidiary of Walt Disney Enterprises, for compensation in the form of money and a motor.

Treisman said the estimated value of that motor, delivered on Alaska's North Slope, was \$1,265.

More than one year after the film work was completed, Peetook received a 40 horsepower motor made by Evinrude. Disturbed, he went to Alaska Legal Services, which took up the case.

Cangary officials insisted that they had gone out of their way trying to locate a new 50 horsepower Johnson motor, but were unable to, even after a direct factory inquiry.

Threatened with a suit in the Alaska Superior Court, Cangary agreed last week to settle out of court, with a check to Peetook for \$420 — the difference between the price of the motor promised and the one actually received.