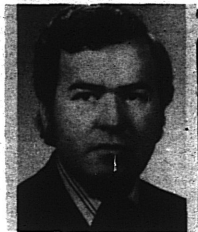


## News Briefs —



MORRIS THOMPSON

Flanked by his wife Thelma, and his three daughters, Morris Thompson, a Native originally from Tanana, announced yesterday in Anchorage, he will be a Republican contender for the United States Senate.

Thompson, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, is expected to file today with the Alaska Public Offices Commission. His filing will enable him to solicit campaign contributions. The AFN Board will meet next month to consider his possible resignation, or to name a successor to his presidency.

Thompson stated he will be able to work with Alaska's Congressional delegation. He joins candidates Frank Murkowski, a Fairbanks banker; Don Smith, Anchorage assemblyman; Art Kennedy and Don Wright, in the August 26 primary.



SAM DEMIENTIEFF

Sam Demientieff has been named to the KUAC Policy Advisory Board by Dr. Howard Cutler, chancellor of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. As a board member, Demientieff will participate in developing the broadcasting program which will serve the needs of the people served by the university station.

Demientieff is president of the Interior Village Association

and a board member of both Doyon Corporation and the Alaska Native Foundation. He has also served on the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Advisory Board.

He is married and has two children.

On the KUAC advisory board are 15 members representing all segments of the community. Board members serve three-year terms but are eligible for reappointment.

The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Moon Landrieu, announced the appointment of Gordon N. Johnston as Regional Administrator for Region X which includes the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Johnston had served as Deputy and Acting Regional Administrator. He was also mayor of Tacoma, Washington.

An architect, Johnston has served as president of the Puget Sound Council of Governments and of the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency's board and was past president of the Southwest Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He was born in Tacoma and attended the University of Washington in Seattle.

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has awarded a \$3.9 million contract for construction of a building combining gymnasium and vocational education facilities at Kotzebue High School.

The contract, which was awarded to Nana Construction Company, Inc. of Anchorage, includes construction of a 20,300 square foot one-story wood frame building and related site work.

The work is scheduled to be completed by August, 1981.

The Association for Stranded Rural Alaskans in Anchorage has formed to reduce the dependency on the 4th Avenue Anchorage scene which attracts many rural Alaskans.

The Association is attempting to provide alternative housing, food and social resources so that rural Alaskans might have options other than that of gravitating towards Anchorage's 4th Avenue.

Cliff Topkok, Native Outreach Ministries, and Mary Jane Krajnak, Alaska Women's Resource Center, are Co-Chairpersons of the organization.

The next meeting of the Association will take place at ANCADA on April 2 at 750 E. Fireweed Ln. office. Anyone interested in attending the meeting or in being included on the list of family volunteers, please contact ANCADA at 274-274-5531.

The Association was founded last December by Rinna Posehn and Annie Bowen, who are also ANCADA board members.

Iguigig Native Corporation received interim conveyance March 17 to 64,756 acres from the Bureau of Land Management, under terms of the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The regional corporation for the area, Bristol Bay, received entitlement to the subsurface estate.

Iguigig is located on the southwestern end of Illiamna Lake and is one of 29 villages in the Bristol Bay region.

The Nondalton Native Corporation received interim conveyance March 10 to 108,393 acres from the Bureau of Land Management, under terms of the 1971 Alaska Native Claims

Settlement Act. The regional corporation for the area, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, received the subsurface estate.

Nondalton is located on Six Mile Lake south of Lake Clark and is one of 29 villages in the Bristol Bay region. Nondalton Native Corporation president is Wallie Balluta.

Announcing the first Annual Workshop for Officers and Directors of ANCSA Village Corporations, and the seventh annual workshop for Secretaries, Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants of Native Corporations to be held May 12-16, 1980 at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Co-sponsored by the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) and the School of Business and Public Administration of the University of Alaska.

Program information will be furnished to all Village, Regional and Non-profit Health corporations.

The deadline date for enrollment will be May 1. Enrollment cost will be \$50 for the week.

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The VVA National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. is in need of funds. Alaskans send donations to: Vietnam Veterans of America, c/o 2520 Tudor Rd., Suite 4A, Anchorage, Alaska 99507 or 329 Eight Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20002. All contributions are tax deductible. Volunteers are also needed to assist in the fund raising drive. For information call 279-9748.