

TT to Receive \$8000 Grant From Presbytery

BILLINGS — A young Native representative from Fairbanks First Presbyterian Church attended an Indian Panel of the National United Presbyterian Church in Billings, Montana, and presented several proposals on behalf of his people.

Among the proposals are:

- \$10,000 to begin a reindeer feedlot on St. Lawrence Island (even the horns can be sold to the Far East for \$5 a pound, he said)
- \$13,000 to start an Eskimo artifact factory at Tooksook Bay
- \$8,000 for a feasibility study to determine if the Eskimo, Indian, and Aleut newspaper Tundra Times could be made a self-supporting newspaper.

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The Billings session was intended to review requests from Native people in Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona, but only representatives from three of those states attended.

The Billings Gazette headlined the story, "~~Money to give~~ but no Indians." The Church, which spent about \$3.2 million on self-development projects in 1971, budgeted about \$8 million for similar work this year.

Mistrust on the part of tribes for new programs that have "petered out" in the past was cited by Leigh P. Hubbard, Sr., Navajo representative; as reason for the poor attendance.

Hubbard said the church would be "well-advised to start a campaign to sell Indian people on their own self-development."

The Alaskan Native representative felt certain his proposals, totaling \$31,000 would be approved in the near future and he gave full credit to the work of the National United Presbyterian Church and their program for self-development projects.