

Textbook may be a milestone



IMPORTANT ASSISTANTS ON THE BOOK—Mildred Jacobsson (left) illustrator of curriculum materials for the ALL Project in Anchorage, reviews the new Alaska Native Land Claims curriculum for secondary schools with Lydia Hays, collaborator on the textbook and author of the accompanying teacher's guide and student workbook.

Important beginning of Native history may have been made

By SUE GAMACHE

"Alaska Land Claims", the new textbook put out by the Alaska Native Foundation (ANF) is the beginning of initial writing of Native history, Howard Rock, contributing author stated.

The textbook covers that period of history starting with the first settlers in Alaska up to the passage of the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and the ways it is shaping the future of the Native people.

"The foundation is very happy to be able to put together the book," Emil Notti, president of The Alaska Native Foundation commented, "We think it is vital for everyone who lives in Alaska to learn about land claims because it effects everybody."

He added, "We've spelled out

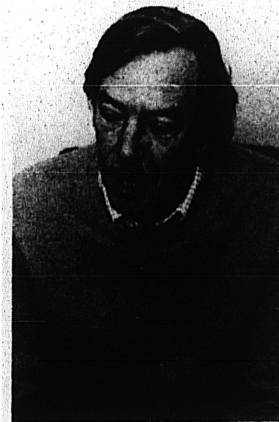
assist greatly in the education of students in rural Alaska to the advents that led to the passage of ANCSA'

Bob Arnold, editor and principal author, said that the subject of focus is Alaska Natives and their destinies." He went on to say that the writing of this book has been a collaborative effort by Alaskans both native and non-native. Some inspired its preparation some helped write it, others reviewed it, yet others gave it trial use in their classrooms."

According to Arnold about a dozen school districts ranging from Anchorage, St. Mary's, Nome, Galena, and the North Slope Borough have already established a part of their curriculum using the textbook.

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THE AUTHOR—Bob Arnold worked long and hard on the book "Alaska Native Land Claims."

the history as clearly and as simply as possible. The graphs, maps, and charts are all original and the most accurate possible."

Sam Kito, Jr., president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, said that the book is going to

Claims textbook . . .

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Holthaus, Chris McNeil, Thomas Richards, Jr., Howard Rock, and Rosita Worl.

Preparation of "Alaska Native Land Claims" was encouraged by the Statewide Parents' Indian Education Committee of the Alaskan Unorganized School District.

According to Bob Arnold the book should be on the market sometime this week. The retail price is \$12.95. Until arrangements can be made with retailers the textbook can be purchased at 515 D Street, Anchorage, Alaska, or by calling Bob Arnold at the Alaska Native

Foundation, 274-5638.

The textbook is accompanied by a student workbook, and teacher's guide, both of these publications were written by Lydia Hays.

The workbook and teacher's guide provide an outline of the information contained in the textbook, with special emphasis on the important events of each chapter. They also provide questions and project suggestions with each chapter. The student handbook and teacher's guide can be purchased at the same address as the textbook