

For college-trained Indians—

New federal laws to create many jobs

"New laws shifting federal government responsibilities to Indian tribal governments will mean many job opportunities to college-trained Indians," reported Bureau of Indian Affairs Commissioner Morris Thompson to some 500 Indian students at Brigham Young University.

As the featured luncheon speaker concluding Indian Week, Commissioner Thompson praised the students for their efforts in getting an education and said, "We'll be waiting for your services in the months and years ahead to help implement the Indian Financial Aid Act that will foster a social and economic base on reservations as an alternative to Indians moving to urban areas."

The commissioner, a 36-year-old Athabascan Indian from Tanana, Alaska, told the students the BIA and tribal governments need people who know about change and how to implement change slowly.

"Some elders in tribal government resist change because they see youth as a threat. But the greatest challenges facing you leaders of tomorrow is that you have an impact that is totally accepted and consistent with local communities," he said.

Commissioner Thompson said the key cornerstone to the strengthening of self-determination of tribal groups is through Public Law 638 which shifts responsibility from the federal government to the tribal government — bringing both respect and cooperation to the people.

T-H declares Dividend

The Board of Directors for the Tlingit & Haida Federal Credit Union declared a semi-annual 7% dividend on share deposits for the six-month period ended Dec. 31, 1975, payable Jan. 1, 1976.

Now in its fourth year of operation, the credit union, which was set up to service the Tlingit & Haida Indians of Southeastern Alaska, is continuing to develop methods of meeting the financial needs of its membership.

The credit union recently completed the total computerization of its operations and records. The management feels this will greatly enhance its ability to serve the 2,500 members who presently belong to the credit union.

The timely notice to members of payments due on loans; new savings programs; and dividend computation, are a few of the benefits which management feels will be derived from the new computer process.

The credit union board of directors also recently instituted new loan programs for pleasure boats, automobiles and mobile homes, as well as personal loans.

Another program being developed will enable credit union members to establish individual retirement accounts as authorized by IRS for credit unions.

The board of directors feel, that only through sound and progressive programs can the credit union fully serve the financial needs of its members.



Night driving is three times as dangerous as day driving, says the National Safety Council.

He encouraged students to look on the positive side of things, especially during America's Bicentennial celebration.

"America is the greatest nation on earth, and today in America is a positive time to be Indian. There is a great renaissance in Indian pride and comfort, and we can show this year what contributions Indians have made to the American culture through music, arts and crafts and agriculture."

Commissioner Thompson, who was presented a colorful beaded feather fan by Tribe of Many Feathers president Ramona Nez, said that he has met in New Mexico with 78 tribal leaders from throughout the nation and definitely felt the impact of BYU's Indian education and agriculture programs.

Women voters league to look into— Land use problems

Land use planning problems and possibilities will be discussed in 11 Alaskan communities by participants in workshops conducted by the League of Women Voters of Alaska and funded by the Alaska Humanities Forum.

The one-day workshops will include panel discussions with panelists drawn from the local communities, slide and movie presentations, a land use game, discussion of questions designed to stimulate thinking about land use issues by small groups, and discussion by the participants of topics of current interest in their locale.

Teams of league members will coordinate the workshops, scheduled for March 13 in Talkeetna, March 20 in Sitka, March 23 in Craig, March 27 in Cordova, March 31 in Wrangell.

The first workshop in the series was held Feb. 28 in Petersburg and workshop dates are yet to be set for the communities of Delta, Kotzebue, Soldotna, Seward and Palmer/Wasilla.

He pointed out that he now has five former BYU Indian students working in some key positions in the BIA.

Prior to the luncheon, Commissioner Thompson was featured in a taped interview with questions coming from John Maestas, chairman of the BYU Indian Education Department, as well as Indian students in the studio.

"BIA is making a conscientious effort and people are really beginning to appreciate it," he noted. "A new image is coming for the bureau, which spends about four-fifths of its budget on education."

One student from Wisconsin pointed to the problem of urban Indians. Commissioner Thompson responded that this is a recent phenomenon in the past 10 years . . . and more Indian cen-

"By holding land use workshops in smaller communities throughout the state, we would hope that participants would have a better view of land use planning problems and possibilities in the state as a whole, and in their area in particular," said Arlayne Klein, the league's land use coordinator. "The workshops can assist in providing needed citizen input in future government decisions."

Similar land use workshops were conducted by the league in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan and Kodiak in the course of a two-year study of land use in Alaska.

A compilation of essays on Alaska land use issues, "Alaska's Land — Facts and Issues," was published by the league as a reference tool for league members involved in the study and for distribution to governmental agencies and individuals interested in land use issues.

Leagues in the state reached agreement on a land use position in February, 1974.

Claims textbook . . .

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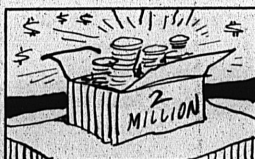
Preparation of "Alaska Native Land Claims" was encouraged by the Statewide Parents' Indian Education Committee of the Alaskan Unorganized School District.

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



The man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo and became the subject of a song was Joseph Hobson Jagger, who, in 1886, won over two million francs in eight days.

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IRS TIP: If you're married, and over 65, and had a gross income of \$4,150 or more, you must file a Federal tax return.

Oversight hearings by committee

WASHINGTON — The Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will hold an oversight hearing on April 29 on implementation of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, said, "The hearing should be useful in airing any problems or delays encountered in carrying out terms of the legislation enacted in December of 1971."

This will provide an opportunity for all the various interests involved, the State of Alaska, the Native community, conservation and environmental groups, mining interests, and the federal agencies involved in implementing the Act to discuss and assess progress in fulfilling terms of the Act.

Gravel, in a letter to Sen. Henry Jackson, chairman of the committee, supported the oversight hearing as a vehicle for formally identifying problems regarding implementation of various sections of the Act. He said the hearing would "go a long way toward realization of the promise of successful implementation of the Settlement Act."

He noted that timely implementation of the Settlement Act is important to future development in Alaska.

CORRECTION

In our Feb. 18 edition we inadvertently headlined our story on Tyonek Native Corporation regarding the village's effort to prevent Primary Corridor No. 30 to come through their lands. We are very sorry for the error.

As Tyonek corporation rectified, we should have headlined the story, "TNC Opposes Corridor No. 30" instead of "TNC Beats Corridor No. 30."

Martin G. Slapikas, executive director of the corporation said, "We would like to consider the published statement a prediction of the future — hopefully, the near future."

We hope the village achieves that end.

Big FNA potlatch . . .

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20th, at 5p.m. at the Monroe High School Gymnasium.

An arts and crafts display and sale is also planned, with some very valuable items to be raffled off, including a parka and a pair of mens and womens mukluks to mention the 1st prize—a round trip ticket for two Hawaii.

The theme for this year's potlatch will be based on strengthening social ties and portraying the history of the Fairbanks Native Association.

Amembership drive will be initiated prior to and during the March 20th potlatch and a special event will be included to

honor past FNA presidents and the many outstanding dog mushers.

That night's festivities will be concluded with the crowning of Miss FNA 1976. Several young women will be competing for prizes, scholarships, and of course, the title of Miss FNA

The potlatch committee meets every Monday at noon in the Native Community Center. Anyone wishing to donate or contribute food or their time are asked to contact either Jerry Woods or Theresa Peoples by calling 452-1648 or 452-1649.

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FNA queen contestant applications available

The Fairbanks Native Association is now accepting applications from all young women, ages 17-21, 4or more Alaskan Native, interested in competing for the title of Miss Fairbanks Native Association of 1976.

These young ladies will be competing for prizes, scholarships, and the title of Miss FNA.

They are required to have some knowledge of their cultural background, heritage, and are

able to represent themselves in their own Native costumes.

The new Queen will represent the Fairbanks Native Association in all. The new Miss FNA 1976 will be crowned on the evening of March 20th at the Fairbanks Native Association's Annual Potlatch scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. at Monroe High School gymnasium.

Applications may be picked up at the Native Community Center, 102 Lacey Street, or by contacting Jerry Woods at 452-1648.

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