

# Barry Jackson: Pre-Democratic Convention Interview

Prior to the State Democratic Convention held in Fairbanks on May 26, 27, and 28, the Tundra Times conducted an interview with Barry Jackson, whose name had been presented

as a possible choice for chairman of the convention. However, Eben Hopson was elected temporary chairman and Jackson withdrew his candidacy for permanent chairman in favor of

Hopson during the course of the convention. Some of the upcoming issues were discussed during the interview and a general look at the Native in the political scene.

Mr. Jackson has served as counsel for the Alaska Federation of Natives and is currently the attorney for the Tanana Chiefs Conference, one of the most powerful of Alaska's re-

gional Native corporations. The following dialogue ensued.

QUESTION: Do you expect as good a turnout of Natives as you had for the Central District  
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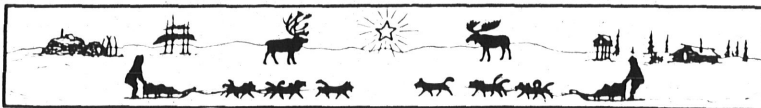
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# BUSH POWER AT CONVENTION

## Englishman Interests Trust For Legal Fees

A British anthropologist has interested a London trust in financing legal fees to represent Eskimo and Indian interests in the development of the North Slope oilfields.

J. A. Ballard of London spent several months in the summer of 1967 at Anaktuvuk Pass, working under the auspices of Cambridge University and a number of institutes.

Ballard's interest in what's happening in Alaska continued when he returned to England, in particular with reference to the North Slope development.

"This business is a shameful example of rampant free enterprise and commercial colonialism at the expense of the rightful owners of the land," Ballard wrote Howard Rock, Tundra Times editor.

"I have taken every opportunity in this country," he said to represent this view to the public. As you know, this is not without point as British commercial interests are heavily involved in the Alaskan oil schemes."

Ballard is seeking current and relevant information on the Alaskan situation from local sources here in Alaska in order to put together a convincing platform to be used to gain support in his country.

He may be contacted at 4 Karen Court, Grove Lane, London SE5 8DA, United Kingdom.

"Any information at all," said Ballard, "relating either to the drilling or the pipeline or both would be most useful to get local interests represented here and to thereby challenge the principal company on its own home ground."

## Senator Appeals For Chena Project

Senator Ted Stevens appealed to the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works for an additional \$1.9 million for FY 1973 to speed construction on the Chena River Lakes Flood Protection Project.

The Corps of Engineers has reported that the completion of the project would be advanced by one year with the increased funding.

In his letter to Chairman Stennis, Stevens noted the geographic and economic impor-

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STRONG NATIVE BLOCK plays crucial role in resolving convention differences. Chuck Degnan of Unalakleet represents the new muscle power of the first Alaskans at the statewide Democratic political convention held this week at Wood Center on the University of Alaska campus in Fairbanks.

—Photo by FRANK MURPHY

## Native Politicians Show Surprising Sophistication At Democrat Convention

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How do you have a party if you don't know who the guests are? How do you have a war if you can't identify the enemy? And how do you have a state Democratic political convention if you don't know who the delegates are?

The 1972 state of Alaska Democratic convention hung on this ponderous problem, as a credentials committee met in a lengthy session which dragged into a three-day endurance contest, forestalling all other convention business.

Of the state's four districts, only two were uncontested: the Central and Northwest delegations. Both Southcentral and Southeastern had rump delegations as a result of split conventions at the district level when the young Ad Hoc's challenged the party regulars.

The early election of Eben Hopson, Eskimo leader from Barrow, as temporary chairman was an indication that the Na-

tive contingent would be a strong determining factor throughout the entire convention.

"Temporary" proved to be something of a misnomer as Hopson struggled for three hard-fought days to unite the delegates. It was soon clear that the deadlock was anything BUT temporary.

One of Hopson's first and most critical tasks was to appoint a credentials committee who would, in the long run, play a decisive role in determining who gets seated, who is allowed to vote, who puts together a party platform, and who elects the delegates to the national convention in Miami.

Hopson made full use of a growing force in Alaska politics, a force known as Bush Power, which had already evidenced itself and flexed its muscles at the Central and Northwest district conventions, where Natives turned out in full strength to exercise their surprisingly sophisticated political techniques.

Young Ad Hoc Democrats aligned themselves solidly behind the Native cause, arranging in several cases, free flights to bring Native delegates in from the bush.

Donn Liston, barefoot, wearing coveralls and headband, and calling himself a yuppie, explain-

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## Wallis Stricken at Convention—

### Sharp Chest Pains Sends Native Leader to Hospital

Tim Wallis of Fairbanks, president of DNH corporation and active leader in the Tanana Chiefs Conference, suffered chest pains about 10 a.m. Monday morning while attending the statewide Democratic convention held at Wood Center on the University of Alaska Campus.

He was immediately taken to the new Fairbanks Memorial

Hospital by Don Pruhs, local businessman.

The hospital reports that Wallis is in satisfactory condition.

Mrs. Wallis described the illness as a heart attack, and said Tim would be in the hospital several days while they conducted tests.

He called both Mrs. Wallis and his office Tuesday morning from his hospital bed, and Mrs. Wallis said he is already talking about getting back to work.

Wallis was a primary figure in securing a Native victory at the state convention, working around the clock to unite Native, Ad Hoc, and regular delegates.

## Experimental Arts, Crafts Funded—

### Rockefeller Foundation Awards Anchorage Center

The experimental Arts and Crafts Center in Anchorage has been awarded \$25,000 by the Rockefeller Foundation, according to Senator Ted Stevens.

The aim of the center is to foster creative and profitable production of Alaska native craft artisans. It will provide adequate working conditions for professional native artisans, training in design and material utilization, and opportunities for research.

In addition, the center will provide opportunities for mar-

keting and small business development.

The grant from the Rockefeller Foundation will be used for funding the salary, travel and administration expenses of a director who will raise the additional necessary funds for and organize the center.

The Board of Directors of the center is looking for a resident Alaskan as director.

According to Miss Lynn Chambers, president of the Experimental Arts and Crafts Cen-

ter, the position requires an experienced artist-craftsman or a designer-craftsman with a broad knowledge of the arts and an interest and ability in administration.

He will be directly responsible for planning and operating the programs at the center. He will also provide guidance in sculpture, print-making and a variety of crafts.

For further information, contact Miss Lynn Chambers, 333 Denali, 7th Floor, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

## Senator Stevens Seeks AMU Aid

Senator Ted Stevens has asked the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to send a task force to Anchorage to meet with the Administration of Alaska Methodist University to determine what can be done on the federal level to help with the financial problems of AMU.

It is vital that every effort possible be made to preserve for Alaskans the benefits of this important institution, Stevens said.