

Sackett Heads Tanana Chiefs

The fifth annual Tanana Chiefs' Conference ended in Fairbanks Wednesday after three days of meetings with local State and federal officials and after many hours of discussion on Native problems in Alaska.

Villages represented in the Chiefs' Conference are Eagle, Kaltag, Nulato, Huslia, Koyukuk, Galena, Chalkyitsik, Stevens Village, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Bethel, Allakaket, and Cantwell.

Elected as president of the Tanana Chiefs' Conference was John Sackett, a student at the University of Alaska

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and vice president of the Fairbanks Native Association. He came originally from Huslia. The new vice president of the Conference is Ralph Perdue who headed the group for the past two years.

Other officers are Ruby Tarsy, secretary, of Cantwell and Alfred Grant, treasurer, Tanana.

One of the last items of business to come up during the conference was land claims by Native Alaskans.

The village leaders instructed Dean Williamson, realty officer with the Fairbanks office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to prepare several land claims which the village leaders will take back to their people for action.

The conference passed many resolutions that ranged from "unfair" arresting of Natives who are drinking in public in Fairbanks to asking the University of Alaska to establish a fur cooperative to dispose of Native-caught furs.

The Chiefs asked the State Highway Department and Employment offices to hire graduates of the Nome vocational school. The Chiefs gave strong support to the Native

and regional high school legislation pending in the State Legislature.

Delegates to the conference included Perdue, Sackett, Miss Tansy, Alfred Grant, Isaac Juneby, Franklin Madros, Victor George, George Attla, Benedict Jones, Peter Captain, Tom Williams, Russel Simon, Fred Notti, Emil Notti, and Jules Wright.