

***Aid by Alaskan Leaders Cited—***

# **Hawaiian Native Claims**

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A Native Claims Settlement Bill is presently being heard by the peoples of the Hawaiian Islands. The A.L.O.H.A. Association, Inc. (Aboriginal Lands of Hawaiian Ancestry) is a non-profit corporation formed to work for the passage by Congress of the Hawaiian Native Claims Settlement Bill.

During the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention held in Anchorage, October 26, 1974 a resolution was passed expressing the AFN's endorsement of the upcoming Land Claims Bill.

At that time Kekoa Kaapu of Oahu, President of ALOHA and Vice-President, Charles Maxwell of Maui attended the AFN Convention and the Tundra Times Banquet. They expressed their appreciation for the interest, and formulated guidelines and expertise given to them by our Alaskan leaders.

During my family's trip to the

Islands, the ALOHA Association granted us one of our most memorable trips. They were in preparation for hearings, Hawaiian meetings, public meetings and all other phases of getting a Land Claims Bill moving.

Much of their activities and preparatory work are similar to what we experienced prior to the passage of the Land Claims. Instant leaders and workers are in the making. Support is welcomed, whether it is financially, politically or morally.