



HIGH COURT UPHOLDS BOROUGH



ARCTIC SLOPE BOROUGH—During the effort to form the Arctic Slope Borough, the people of Anaktuvuk Pass were briefed on the intricacies of forming such a borough by the leaders from Barrow. Anaktuvuk Pass folks seemed pleased

with what they have heard at the time but should be even happier now because the State Supreme Court has approved the formation of the borough.

—Photo by MARGIE BAUMAN

Alaska Supreme Court Nods to Formation of Boundaries to Land

The Alaska Supreme Court has upheld a Superior Court decision that the giant North Slope Borough was legally formed and could maintain boundaries as selected across the Arctic Slope.

At the same time, it left some questions on the lower

court suit brought by a number of oil industry firms to halt collection of borough taxes on oil interests at Prudhoe Bay.

"Had we lost it, it would have resolved everything against us," said Charles Cranston, one of the attorneys representing the North Slope Borough. "This allows us to simply pursue legal remedies in court."

Other cases aside, there was much jubilation Jan. 16 when the decision of the state's highest court was announced at the borough office in Barrow.

"We had one hell of a coffee break" said Mayor Eben Hopson, in an interview with the Tundra Times later.

"We were really happy about it," Hopson said. "There hasn't been any moment since the Superior Court decision when we didn't have full confidence, but still... it was a long wait and we're really happy about it."

"I screamed a little bit. I had both arms up in the air and everyone was jumping up and down," he said.

The Supreme Court, in agreement with the lower court ruling, dismissed all six claims brought by the oil industry.

These included arguments that the State Local Boundary Commission did not produce

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AFN, Inc. Johnson-O'Malley Prog.

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. Johnson-O'Malley program, under the direction of Gordon Jackson, has announced that they will begin receiving Johnson-O'Malley proposals until March 15.

Over 400 applications have been sent to eligible applicants and these proposals will be considered for funding by the Johnson-O'Malley review committee.

The committee, which comprises 12 members, one from each of the 12 Native regional corporations, is chaired by Mrs. Nettie Peratrovich.

Johnson-O'Malley funds are used to support and fund "sup-

plemental and enrichment" education programs for Alaska Native students attending public schools.

Johnson-O'Malley funds are appropriated annually by Congress and administered by Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. by

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Core Townships In the Interior

FAIRBANKS — Application for the first core township selections for Native villages in the Interior has been made for 20,592.5 acres for the Dot Lake Native Corporation.

Doyon, Limited, the regional Native corporation for the Interior, announced that the application signed by chairman Carl A. Charles of Dot Lake Native Corporation was submitted Jan. 15 to the Bureau of Land Management.

Forty-six persons have enrolled back to Dot Lake, an Athabaskan village approximately 150 miles southeast of Fairbanks. Five miles of the Alaska Highway from Fairbanks to Delta runs through the area included in the core township application.

The application represents a little less than one-third of the total entitlement which that village corporation will ultimately receive, noted John C. Sackett, president of Doyon, Limited.

Lands designated in the application were chosen under provisions of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, with all valid existing rights already rec-

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Hensley After Congressional Seat

By MARGIE BAUMAN

FAIRBANKS — State Sen. Willie Hensley, D-Kotzebue made it official Friday that he will be a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Eskimo legislator from Northwest Alaska, an organizer and prominent figure in the Alaska Native land claims movement, said he would formally announce his candidacy when the 1974 Alaska legislature adjourns.

The session began Monday in Juneau and Hensley, the Democratic whip in the Senate, made clear that "from now until the end of the session my primary responsibility is to the constitu-



SENATOR HENSLEY

ents of my Senate district."

The colorful, 32-year-old lawmaker, cited last week by the Democratic Party as one of the five outstanding young Democrats in the state, said one of the most important issues facing Alaska is the 83 million acre land recommendations made by the Interior Department.

"A Republican administration put the recommendations in and it is going to be up to a Democratic House to help get them out," he said.

Alaskan input was not considered in the land proposals and "the recommendations do not re-

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Awards Aleuts

The Alaska Department of Economic Development has awarded the Aleut League a \$5,600 contract to obtain an approximation of the reindeer population of Atka and Umnak Islands.

Aleut League staff and representatives of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife will work together on coordinating the project, according to the December-January issue of the Aleut Corp. newsletter.

Survey data will include the total number of calves, yearlings and adults; the time, date and approximate location of each observation and size, structure and trends in population, the newsletter said.

The Aleut League expects results of the inventory to provide a statistical base of information to its people on which they can begin to form future management recommendations.

Kotzebue Sound Search & Rescue Presented Sno-go

KOTZEBUE — A 340 Panther Arctic Cat snowmachine, valued at \$1410, was presented to the

Kotzebue Sound Search and Rescue squad on its regular meeting Dec. 24 by the Kotzebue

Sound Area Fisheries Cooperative, Inc.

Doug Sheldon, president of Kotzebue Sound Search and Rescue said the machine will be a useful addition to the organization's fleet of search machines.

The search and rescue unit was organized Nov. 5, 1973. The organization was formed to locate persons missing while traveling to various villages in the Kotzebue area by snowmachine.

Since its inception it has performed an average of one search for missing persons a week.

The unit is comprised of 53 volunteers with its coordinator Lyle Haugsven of the Alaska State Troopers, stationed in Kotzebue.

The Kotzebue unit has coordinated with rescue teams in villages north of Kotzebue providing more knowledge of individual situations.



PRESENTATION—A 340 Panther Arctic Cat is being presented by the representative of the Kotzebue Sound Area Fisheries Cooperatives, Inc. to the Kotzebue Sound Search and Rescue group.