

YAKIMA NATION LOAN TO AFN FINALIZED

Check for \$225,000 Formally Handed Over To AFN Official

On August 19, Eben Hopson executive director of the Alaska Federation of Natives, announced to the AFN Board of Directors that a check in the amount of \$225,000 has been handed to him by the officials of the Yakima Indian Nation.

The money is a loan from the Yakima Nation. AFN will be using it to fund activities of its officials in connections with the work on native land claims.

"This check represents the amount sought by the executive director under your direction,"

Hopson told the board.

"Contrary to many," Hopson added, "including some well known attorneys in the country, who thought such an effort would be futile, this is a true manifestation of the will of people banded together toward achieving a goal common to all of its people."

"The confederated tribes of the Yakima Indian nation, certainly deserves the thanks of all the board members and our constituents."