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PHOTO BY BILL HESS

Ted Katchek, Victor Haldane, Weaver Ivanoff, Andy Hope, Charlie Edwardsen, Frank O. Williams, and James Strong caucus during the formation of UTA.

United Tribes of Alaska new IRA federation

By Bill Hess
Tundra Times

Tribal leaders from 37 Alaskan villages gathered in Anchorage last week, formed a new federation, and immediately called upon Senator Ted Stevens and the State of Alaska to extend recognition to Native tribal governments.

Sheldon Katchetag of Unalakleet introduced the first resolution to the United Tribes of Alaska, the group formed to represent Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and traditional tribal governments. Katchetag's resolution was patterned after one taken in a village participation meeting sponsored by RurALCAP last month in Juneau.

The resolution urged Senator Stevens to reverse his position on the legitimacy of IRA and other tribal governments of Alaskan villages. Stevens has said that his position is that village sovereignty is a matter for the state government and its legislature to determine. Delegates were upset with that statement as tribal sovereignty in the United States is traditionally protected under a federal trust responsibility, protected from state interference.

Many tribes in the Lower 48 operate their own tribal courts, police departments, fish and game departments and levy taxes upon industry independent of state considerations. There has been a great deal of argument that because of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 and differences between Alaskan villages and Lower 48 Indian reser-

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Christiansen is elected new Calista Chairman

Raymond C. Christiansen was elected chairman of the board of Calista Corporation, the state's second largest Native corporation, at a directors meeting held recently in Aniak.

Mr. Christiansen has been on the Calista board since 1973. He served as president of the corporation in 1974-75; and as chairman of the board in 1974-77.

He also served a six-year term in the State House of Representatives and a six-year term in the State Senate. He has flown commercially for Bristol Bay Airlines, Alaska Airlines, and Northern Consolidated Airlines; and also owned and operated his own air service out of Bethel, Christiansen Air Service.

Mr. Christiansen is a commercial fisherman, owning and operating a set net site in the Clark's Point area of Bristol Bay.

Other officers elected at the April 24 meeting were, Nelson Angapak, vice chairman; Martin B. Moore, secretary; and Phillip Guy, treasurer.

Mr. Angapak is currently the executive vice president of

Calista Corporation, and also serves as land department and natural resources department manager. He was chairman of Calista's board in 1979-81.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN), and was chairman of the AFN board in 1980-83.

Mr. Moore is the city manager of Emmonak. He has been on the Calista board since 1973; and was president of

the corporation in 1977 and 1981.

He is president of Bethel Broadcasting, Inc., a position he has held since 1974.

Mr. Guy was one of the five original incorporators of Calista Corporation back in 1972; and has served on the board of directors since that time.

He lives in Kwethluk and is a board member of the Kwethluk Village Corporation. He has previously represented district

17 in the State House of Representatives.

Calista's annual meeting of shareholders was held in Aniak on April 23, 1983. At the meeting the five directors whose term expired were all re-elected. They are Raymond C. Christiansen, Bethel; Ivan Martin Ivan, Bethel; Martin B. Moore, Emmonak; Louis Bunyan, Hooper Bay; and Nora Guinn, Bethel.

Alaska to host Circumpolar Health Symposium

By George Gardner
Tundra Times

The sixth international symposium on circumpolar health will be held in Anchorage in 1984, according to Dr. Theodore A. Mala. The symposium, bringing together health officials from the circumpolar countries, is held every three years. The last time Alaska and the United States hosted this conference was in 1967 in Fairbanks.

Participating countries besides Alaska include Canada, Finland, Denmark, Greenland and the USSR. There will prob-

ably be some countries representing the Antarctic regions also, Mala said.

The symposium is scheduled for May 13-18, 1984 at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel. Dr. Mala, a member of the national organizing committee for the symposium, indicated that the majority of coordinating to be done for the conference will be handled by the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

The purpose of the international symposium of circumpolar health is to bring together medical scientists, health care delivery specialists, health

administrators and health consumers to discuss the state of the art in their respective fields; to allow national and international participants to observe and discuss the health situation in their own countries; and to relate solutions to health problems in other parts of the world to the unique health problems of the circumpolar regions, according to the announcement.

The program will cover diverse topics such as cold injury; infectious diseases; metabolic and neoplastic diseases; genetics, anthropology and de-

mography; nutrition; environmental health planning and engineering; social environment, mental health, and drug abuse; maternal and child health; dental health and health care delivery and information systems.

A full day of the symposium has been set aside for a report of the International Biomedical Expedition to the Antarctic (IBEA).

More information on the symposium can be obtained by contacting the University of Alaska, Conferences and Institutes, 117 Eielson Building, 403 Salcha Street, Fairbanks.