

## *Vincent Price Tie Buyer—*

# **Carl Was Charlie**

Jim Thomas tells Tundra Times that the Tlingit gentleman who bought Vincent Price's necktie for \$50 at the October 5 banquet of the Tundra Times in Anchorage is Charlie Nelson and not Carl Nelson as he was publicized.

Charlie Nelson is from Ketchikan and he is the First Vice President of the Tlingit and Haida Indians Central Council under its President John Borbridge.

On the spur of the moment as Prof. Jimmy Bedford was selling stock and subscriptions for the Tundra Times at the banquet, Vincent Price voluntarily offered his necktie for sale to raise funds.

The highest bidder was Charlie Nelson who bought the tie for \$50 much to the delight of over 600 people who attended the banquet. The banquet has

since been hailed as one of the finest ever put on in Alaska.

Jim Thomas, who is now director of public relations for the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN), turned out to be highly amusing as a co-master of ceremonies along with Sylvester Ayek who also did his usual good job.

Thomas has been slated to go to California on a public relations venture for the AFN on the land claims effort of Alaska's native people.

He is stopping along the way to San Francisco to listen in on the State vs Hickel suit of the State of Alaska against the Department of the Interior where the state is seeking to win the lifting of the land freeze imposed by the former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall in 1966.