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said, broadly hinted that he wanted his award as soon as practicable. John Borbridge, president of the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians also wants his award for his organization.

Gabe Stepetin of St. Paul Island also pledged \$1,000 worth of stock for his community and the distinctive award will be sent.

Eleven \$100 stock buyers qualified for the walrus tooth and each will be sent the tooth award.

Besides the stock sale, Tundra Times received 130 new subscriptions, and Bonnie Ericsson Tundra Times secretary, said that this was a very close guess as she has no time as yet to thoroughly tabulate the number.

Many other new subscriptions

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ards of native education in Alaska might be perpetuated.

Udall said that the Bureau was in the process of transferring responsibilities of the Bureau to the Indian people themselves.

He cited a case in one Indian community where the administration of the BIA had been turned over to the Indian leadership and "this has worked quite well."

Udall said that this change-over was indeed "the Indian Bureau." He said this type of process would be done in Alaska.

"The end result would be to start slow, or maybe fast, withering away of the Indian Bureau, we might describe it that way," he said.

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time.

The move was seen as a disappointment for some of the major political candidates some of whom had actively sought endorsement of the organization.

The question was settled after lengthy deliberations and after hearing major political candidates.

The candidates who addressed the conference were Sen. Ernest Gruening, Mike Gravel, Elmer Rasmuson, Congressman Howard Pollock, and State Sen. Nick Begich.

Gruening, Gravel and Rasmuson are vying for the senatorial seat in the U.S. Congress. Gruening and Gravel are Democrats but a strange development has pitted them against one another. Mike Gravel had defeated Sen. Gruening in the primary election but Gruening decided to continue his campaign on a write-in ticket.

Elmer Rasmuson is running for U.S. Senate on the Republican ticket.

Congressman Pollock is being opposed by Sen. Begich for the seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The AFN delegates reasoned that if the organization endorses any candidate, that candidate would probably not come around to the regional areas after the endorsement.

"Give the politician a chance to come to us," said some of the delegates.

The conference delegates passed and approved some 37 resolutions and thrashed them out until about 9:00 p.m. Sunday night. The next half hour was dedicated to closing remarks including Cliff McKay of the Association on American Indian Affairs of New York who made a moving address.

The following are some of the resolutions in capsule form:

-The AFN proposed that the

are expected to come in from all areas of Alaska in the near future as the delegates to the Alaska Federation of Natives conference were instructed, and to which they concurred, to solicit subscriptions to expand the circulation of the Tundra Times.

As a result of the subscription sale at the AFN conference and the banquet, the Tundra Times circulation is nudging 3,000 and lacks 20 subscriptions to reach that number.

The following are persons, and communities, who qualified for the walrus tooth award by buying \$100 or more worth of stock:

Sam Kito, Jr., Fairbanks; Betzi Woodman, Anchorage; Alakanuk Village Council, two walrus teeth; Miss Mary Haun, Bethel; John Shively, Anchorage; Joli Morgan, Anchorage; Miss Bettie Harrop, College;

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rudd, Anchorage; Bill Jacobs, Anchorage; and Miss Margaret A. Roberts, PHS hospital, Tanana.

Other buyers who bought units of \$25 up to three units are:

Clifford J. Groh, (two units), Anchorage; Lee and Leslie Salisbury, College; Gabriel Stepetin, St. Paul Island; John F. Lee, M.D., Anchorage; Jane, Lisa and Scott Sutherland, (three units), Fairbanks;

Virginia Blanchard, Juneau; Laurel Bland, Anchorage; Mr. and Mrs. David Wolf, College.

A considerable number of people have also made inquiries about the stock sale and Tundra Times staff is expecting to hear from them in the near future.

oil companies hire available labor locally.

-That cooperatives be established where economically feasible.

-That rural electrification be accelerated.

-That the oil pipeline will be built in the future; that a winter road be constructed and in view of these definite possibilities that native workers be put on-the-job-training.

-That the National Congress of American Indians organization be invited to hold its next conference in Alaska.

-That the Marine Highway System be extended and expanded to include the interior waterways.

-That improvement of airfields in villages be expedited and that post office systems be improved as well. (During the deliberation of this resolution, Anatoly Lakonof representing the village of Atka on the Aleutian Chain, demanded of the conference that Atka be included for improvement of the airfield. This was approved.)

President Notti told the Tundra Times that copies of the resolutions should be available within ten days to two weeks.

The rest of the officers of the AFN elected were: John Borbridge, first vice president; Eben Hopson, second vice president; John Sackett, treasurer; Miss Margaret Nick, secretary; and Frank Degnan, Sergeant at

The new slate of officers brought satisfaction from the delegates who pointed out that they were representative of the native areas of the state.

President Notti is from Galena and Anchorage; John Borbridge, Juneau and Anchorage; Eben Hopson, Barrow; John Sackett, Huslia; Margaret Nick, Bethel; and Frank Degnan, Unalakleet.

UDALL LAUDS TUNDRA TIMES

(Editor's Note: Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall in his prepared speech to the audience at the Tundra Times Sixth Anniversary Banquet at the Switzerland, paid tribute to the late Dr. Henry S. Forbes and the Tundra Times last Saturday

night. The following are excerpts from the speech:)

"While I welcome the opportunity to be with you, I regret that there must be a vacant chair at the head table because of the passing of Dr. Henry S. Forbes. We share warm memories

of Dr. Forbes and deep appreciation for a man who accomplished more in his avocation than many people accomplish in their chosen professions.

Moreover, Dr. Forbes continued to pursue his work with

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ives are to receive any benefits," Udall pointed out.

"My views on the land freeze are well known. Frankly, I do not believe we would have made any significant progress on the Native claims issue if we had not held everybody's feet to the fire, or perhaps I should say to the ice, with the freeze.

"As I have said many times before, I do not intend to lift it. While I believe that one objective of the State legislature was to obtain Native support for the lifting of the freeze, I believe that it should also be construed as a good faith offer by the State of assistance to the Native people.

"If that view is correct, I would expect that the offer will be renewed subsequently by the State in a form that will complement the Federal legislation."

At this point, the Interior Secretary mentioned the recent ruling of Judge James A. Von Der Heydt of the U.S. District Court in Anchorage that the land freeze was illegal.

"As you know," Udall stated "The U.S. District Court recently ruled against us on that part of the freeze involving our refusal to patent State selections. Our lawyers tell me that we have a good case and we intend to appeal.

"I am hopeful, however, that the appeal will become moot through the speedy enactment of claims' legislation.

"There is one facet of the freeze on which I have had very little to say—the purported revenue less to the State of Alaska, because of our failure to issue oil and gas leases.

"It has been argued that the State has been deprived of its 90 percent share of the 50-cent per acre rental that is received under these leases. However, I would like to point out that under the present law virtually all leases on public lands in Alaska, including millions of acres which are believed to have great oil and gas potential, must be issued on a non-competitive basis.

"We are hopeful that Congress will soon see fit to revise this anachronistic law so that the Government can obtain fair market value for its resources. In the meantime, it is just not good management for the Federal Government to lease valuable acreage non-competitively that would doubtless bring bonuses running into hundreds of millions of dollars if it could be leased competitively.

"While the State might obtain several millions of dollars in the short run by our leasing, it would do so at the expense of losing many times that amount in the long run."

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"It has not always been as vigorous as we might have liked," he said, "But nonetheless, I

bristle when I see sweeping charges that the Bureau is primarily interested in perpetuating its hold on the Indian people."

He said last year the Interior Department considerable time and effort developing legislation that would permit it to turn over to Indian tribes the authority to manage their own lands.

"Much to my surprise and chagrin this move met with widespread opposition among Indian leaders, who would rather have the Bureau to lean on frequently in both senses of the term.

"Fortunately, most of your leaders in Alaska are willing to accept the responsibility of managing your own affairs. As you are growing to assume that role, I ask you to avoid the easy course of blaming BIA for all of the failures along the road.

"When you believe that the Bureau should be taken to task, do so, but try to be both specific and constructive with your criticism."

Udall cited last November when he met with the native leaders on land claims matters in Anchorage. He said that the claims issue then seemed to be in the doldrums.

"Today it is, in my opinion, on the verge of resolution. This is due in large part to the fact that the Native leadership, the congressional delegation and the State have all been pulling in the same direction," Udall pointed out.

He said he hoped that the people were not disheartened by the failure to get a bill enacted this year; that the issues of this magnitude are just too formidable to speed through the legislative process.

He said two decades were required to obtain passage of the Central Arizona Project; that those years were devoted to much hard work on the part of the proponents and the Congress.

"However, hard work alone did not put that project over the top," he said. "Unless the advocates had been willing to compromise by giving up features which, although desirable, were not essential, we would not have legislation today."

"If you are to be successful in this struggle," Udall continued, "your leaders will undoubtedly be called upon to exercise their judgement on short notice without time for consultation at the village level.

"Bear in mind that they are leaders, not messengers. You chose them because you felt that they possessed the qualifications and good judgement to represent you. They may not be able to obtain everything that you and they would like.

"It is far easier to be doctrinaire and intransigent, than it is to make the hard decisions that will bring results."

The Secretary said that when the Interior Department submitted its first land solutions proposal, he was proud to be the first Secretary of the Interior to tackle the longstanding problem.

"In retrospect I see that our proposed solution left much to be desired," he said. "However, I need make no apologies for the principles for a just settlement that were laid down by President Johnson. Under any equitable settlement, the Natives should

receive:

"(1) title to the lands you occupy and need to sustain your villages;

"(2) rights to use additional lands and water to maintain your traditional way of life if you so choose; and

"(3) compensation commensurate with the value of lands taken from you.

"I believe that it is incumbent upon the Native leaders to make a convincing case for translating these principles into concrete terms. Their presentation to the Congress last July contributed appreciably toward that end.

"I hope that the time for results will be at hand in the next session of the Congress.

"But, while there has been widespread agreement on the principles for a just solution, and the Administration and Native leadership are much closer to agreement than we were a year ago, the basic issues of how much land and how much money are far from being resolved."

Other dignitaries besides Secretary Udall who addressed the Tundra Times banquet audience were: Governor of Alaska Walter J. Hickel; Sen. Ernest Gruening; Congressman Howard W. Pollock; and the AFN President Emil Notti introduced Udall to the audience.

All of the speakers paid warm tribute to the work of the Tundra Times. An hour of the banquet program was televised by KFAR-TV and radio simulcasted for the benefit of the rural listeners.

Prof. Jimmie Bedford laid the scene for stock sale at the banquet as well as presiding the meaning of the stockholders Walrus Tooth Club.

The banquet had two masters of ceremonies in the persons of Richard Frank, former chief of Minto, an Athabaskan, and Sylvester Ayek, an Eskimo from King Island. The two men received warm response from the audience for their sense of humor and good performance.

Secretary Udall concluded his address in the following manner:

"In closing, I would like to thank Howard Rock and Emil Notti once again for their kind invitation to be with you at this impressive gathering. I am hopeful that next time we meet it will be to celebrate the enactment of legislation resolving the Native claims issue."

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ublican candidates from a meeting of educators. Pollock went on to defeat Democratic Representative Ralph J. Rivers in the general election.

"This shotgun attack by a member of a Congressional staff does not deserve a reply" Harris continued. Howard Pollock's distinguished record in Congress is well known. He has frequently stated his views on civil rights, the Jones Act, education and many other matters. Sen. Bartlett's staff may not understand these issues but the public does."

Pollock was campaigning today on the Kenai Peninsula his office stated and was therefore unaware of the attack by Bartlett's aide.