

AFN Seattle Chapter Holds Election

Alaska Federation of Natives, Washington Chapter, elected new officers for 1971 at their February 20th meeting in Seattle.

The offices elected were: George Walters of Teller, president; Jay Mallott, Yakutat, first vice president; Harry Apodruk of Council, second vice president; Virginia Thomas of Wiseman, secretary; Rachel Craig Kotzebue, treasurer; Rebecca Harris of Cape Prince of Wales, corresponding secretary; and Paul Bell of Angoon as sergeant at arms.

Board members elected for three years were Elizabeth Walters of Sitka and Margaret Cooke of Stony River. Bill Johnson of Nome and Lorene Mallott of Hydaburg were elected to two-year board posts. Charles Resoff of Ninilchik and Fred Anderson of Afognik will fill one-year board spots.

Jim Price of Sitka will serve as the annual convention delegate for this year.

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ter weeks to locate all Alaskan Natives who have at least ¼ degree Eskimo, Aleut or Indian blood who are now residing outside the State of Alaska.

"We feel that all Alaskan Natives, wherever they may reside, are eligible to receive and participate in any settlement of the Alaska Native land claims bill," says Washington Chapter President George Walters.

Census forms will be used to assure that all Alaskan Natives receive official enrollment forms which will include them in the land claims settlement.

These forms will be the basis for deciding who is eligible for land claims settlements and will probably be distributed within six months of passage of a land claims bill. Census forms may be obtained by writing A.F.N. Washington Chapter/ P.O. Box 24144/ Seattle, Wash. 98124.

AFN Washington Chapter was formed one year ago by a handful of Alaska Natives in Seattle seeking further information on

participating in the Alaska Native Land Claims Bill.

They now have over 700 natives on their mailing list in the Greater Seattle-Tacoma-Everett area and over 1500 on their mailing list in the lower "49".