

Agreement Signed T-H Take Over of Programs

An agreement that allows the Tlingit and Haida Central Council to take over Bureau of Indian Affairs programs covering Tlingit and Haida people has been signed, U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens said.

The BIA-Tlingit and Haida pact covers all BIA programs in areas such as welfare, education, roads and land management. Only exception to the agreement is the program covering Annette Island reservation.

Sen. Stevens said the pact

will allow the Tlingit and Haida council to determine its own destiny through being involved in the formulation, conduct and administration of its BIA programs.

The contract was signed in Washington, D.C. Signing it were John Borbridge, Jr., president of the Central Council, and Alexander S. MacNabb, director of operating services for the BIA.