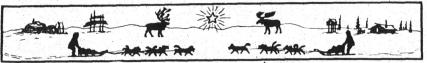
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KETZLER SURVIVES CHALLE Strong Bid to Oust Ketzler as President of

Tanana Chiefs Fails

By MADELYN SHULMAN Staff Writer

Nine years ago, Alfred Ketzler of Nenana joined the land claims fight. In the early 1960s, he organized the Tanana Chiefs Conference and became its president. Later, he was part of the early leadership of the Alaskan Federation of Natives.

Federation of Natives.

For almost a decade, Ketzler, like a host of other native leaders, often sacrificed jobs, personal life and security to organize a political movement that could accomplish the changes we see today—native power, political influence, settlement of native land claims. native land claims.

Last weekend, after serving as president of the Tanana Chiefs as president of the Tanana Chiefs for most of the years since he founded it, Ketzler had to fight for his office. The Tanana Chiefs met in Fairbanks September 10 and 11 to consider reorganizing their board as a regional corporation under the laws go-

verning nonprofit corporations in the State of Alaska.

The once almost meaningless post of head of the Tanana Chiefs has become a powerful office. For years, the Tanana Chiefs was a regional organization of the companion of th tion of destitute Athabascan villages without power, without money, without anything but hope—and for many villages, there was not much of that either.

Now, with funds from AFN, federal grants and extensive BIA contracts, it is becoming a powerful regional organization.

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MECHANICS EXPLAINED—As Tanana Chiefs president Al on, attorney Barry Jackson explains the ramifications of land claims legislation.

Nenana Busing Flap-Thirty Students Reassigned to Healy

As school began last Thursday in the Nenana High School the high school was missing an estimated 20 to 30 students. At the last minute, they were reassigned to the high school in Healy (60 miles south) or remained in Anderson (30 miles

mained in Anderson (30 miles away) to attend 9th grade. Why so many high schools in such a small area of Alaska, asked State Rep. Mike Bradner, chairman of the State Budget

and Audit Committee.

Natives in the Nenana area Natives in the Nenana area suggest that the proliferation of high schools may be due to racial problems. There appears to be resistance in the mainly white Anderson and Clear areas to their high school students going to school in Nenana—where attendance is about 50 per cent native per cent native.

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ACHARAQ-Acharag, or a tunic, with matching slacks, is being modeled by Dorothy Napoleon at a fashion show in Fairbanks. Miss Napoleon is from Hooper Bay.
—Photo FAIRBANKS DAILY NEWS-MINER

Misunderstood Animal-

Musk Ox Easily Tamed, Stays Tame

By PAUL F. WILKINSON

('Oomingmak' — the domesticated musk ox. Part 2)

In order to decide if it would be possible to domesticate the musk ox on a large scale, the following questions had to be answered: Could musk ox calves be tamed easily, and would they remain tame even when fully grown? Would musk oxen adapt to the restrictions of farm life, and would they breed successfully under these conditions?

Was there a good way to

Was there a good way to collect and process their qiviut? What was the quality of qiviut textiles? Would raising domesticated musk oxen fit in with social and economic structure

of life in the Arctic? Between 1954 and 1964 a series of experiments was conducted in Vermont to answer these questions.

Taming musk ox calves oved easy, as I described proved easy, as I described above, and it became clear that

Both Interior Committees Work on Claims

By THOMAS RICHARDS, JR. Washington Correspondent

Congressional action on Ala-ska Native Land Claims legisla-tion continues here this week with Interior Committee meetings scheduled for both the House and the Senate.

The Senate Interior Commit-

tee will meet Wednesday in executive session to mark up land claims legislation. According to a Gravel spokesmen, Alaska Senators Mike Gravel and Ted Stevens have communicated closely neight Separts Integrate Chairs sely with Senate Interior Chairman Henry M. Jackson (D-Washington) in recent weeks, in order to minimize differences. Claims votes taken in Wednes-day's session are expected to day's session are expected to decisively shape the bill which that committee will send to the Senate floor. The two Alaska Senators have both committed support to the 60 million acre settlement asked by the AFN.

Senator Jackson is reported

to have given private indications of support for a claims bill which would provide between 25 and 40 million acres of land.

The amount of land in the Senate bill, according to reliable

Gov. Egan to **Attend Banquet**

Governor William A. Egan will be at the head table on the evening of the TUNDRA TIMES

evening of the TUNDIKA TIMES ninth anniversary banquet on October 9.

"Mrs. Egan and I are looking forward to our visit to Fairbanks and the annual TUNDIKA TIMES Banquet to be held October 9th at the new Traveler's Inn Ballroom," Governor Franch with the second to the Egan wrote

Egan and his wife Neva join an impressive array of dignitaries who will be attending the banquet including Jeane Dixon who will address the audience as the

Confidence Shaken-

Interior, BIA Changes Blamed

By TOM RICHARDS JR. AND RICHARD LA COURSE

WASHINGTON, D. C.-(AI-PA)-The possibility of a meeting between President Nixon and the nation's major Indian leaders was left open after private consultation between the National Congress of American Indians and a special White House assistant here September 2.

The private consultation held

The private consultation, held at the request of White House

special assistant Bradley Patterson, was in response to a letter from NCAI and ten other principal Indian organizations across the country which stated that their confidence in the admini-stration had been severely sha-

ken by recent events within the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Joining NCAI in the written request were the National Tribal Chairmen's Association, the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest,

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