



# KETZLER SURVIVES CHALLENGE

## Strong Bid to Oust Ketzler as President of Tanana Chiefs Fails

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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.

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.

Last weekend, after serving 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 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 Ketzler looks 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 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 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.

Less than two weeks before  
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ACHARAQ—Acharaq, or a tunic, with matching slacks, is being modeled by Dorothy Napoleon at a fashion show in Fairbanks. Miss Napoleon is from Hooper Bay.

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## 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 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 proved easy, as I described above, and it became clear that

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## Both Interior Committees Work on Claims

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Congressional action on Alaska Native Land Claims legislation continues here this week with Interior Committee meetings scheduled for both the House and the Senate.

The Senate Interior Committee will meet Wednesday in executive session to mark up land claims legislation. According to a Gravel spokesman, Alaska Senators Mike Gravel and Ted Stevens have communicated closely with Senate Interior Chairman Henry M. Jackson (D-Washington) in recent weeks, in order to minimize differences. Claims votes taken in Wednesday'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

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## Gov. Egan to Attend Banquet

Governor William A. Egan will be at the head table on the evening of the TUNDRA TIMES ninth anniversary banquet on October 9.

"Mrs. Egan and I are looking forward to our visit to Fairbanks and the annual TUNDRA TIMES Banquet to be held October 9th at the new Traveler's Inn Ballroom," Governor 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 principal speaker.

## Confidence Shaken—Interior, BIA Changes Blamed

By TOM RICHARDS JR. AND RICHARD LA COURSE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(AIPA)—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 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 administration had been severely shaken 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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