

# AFN, INC. LAND DEPARTMENT KEPT BUSY



**OPPOSING LEADER** — Roger Lang, president of the AFN, Inc., led the opposition to the 13th Region but a U.S. judge overturned his brief victory span when the House legislated in Lang's favor.

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## Amendment to Bill on 13th Region Hot Potato Causes It All

It has been a busy time for the Land Department at AFN, Inc. Roger Lang, President of AFN, Inc. spent 9 days in Washington, D.C. working with the Conference Committee on HB 620 which would have elevated the Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to an Assistant Secretary.

An amendment to the bill was the creation of a mandatory 13th Region. The last action of Congress before the close of the session, was the defeat of this bill.

Don Young, Congressman from Alaska played a very key position in the defeat of the bill. On the floor of Congress he was able to prevail over the influences of Congressman Lloyd Meeds of Washington.

Ralph "Andy" Johnson of Cook Inlet Region, Inc., Sam Kito of Doyon Limited, Harry

Carter of Koniag, Ind., and Fred Notti of Calista were also present in D.C. when this bill was being considered.

Ironically enough, three days after the defeat of HB 620 by Congress, Judge Oliver Gasch ruled on a court case regarding the election process on the 13th.

Under this ruling, those who voted to be in the 13th Region or who changed their enrollment forms on or before August 15, 1974 will be members of this new regional corporation.



**CONGRESSMAN** Lloyd Meeds of the State of Washington recently argued for the formation of the 13th Region. Meeds is shown delivering his keynote speech at the last Tundra Times banquet.

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