

Eligible Native Baby-

Claims Law Baby Hard to Find

TUNDRA TIMES has been searching all day for the 'YOUNGEST NATIVE' to be eligible under the Alaska Native Claims Act of 1971.

According to the Alaska Federation of Natives' best legal counsel, cutoff for persons eligible to be entered in the rolls of Alaska Natives is midnight, E.S.

T. on the day the bill was enacted (December 18, 1971).

Try as we have, we have found only one little native girl to claim the honors — which TUNDRA TIMES will sweeten with a \$50 Savings Bond for the child born closest to the midnight deadline (that's 7 p.m.

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Anchorage time, 6 p.m. Nome time, 9 p.m. in Juneau).

Our sole entry so far is Holly

Christine Jung, who entered the world bright and early at 9:32 a.m. Saturday morning at Alaska Native Health Service Hospital in Anchorage.

Polls of P.H.S. units in Nome Kotzebue, Barrow, Dillingham, Mt. Edgecumbe, Bethel and Tanana haven't turned up any other children born on that lucky date. Fairbanks Community Hospital and Bassett Army Hospital also report no native babies born that day.

Statistically, more than 6,000 children are born in Alaska each year. That makes about 14 every day—and a quarter of them should be native.

We're holding the contest open for one month, till January 20, 1972. Parents who have a baby born on December 18, 1971 who qualifies under the terms of the Alaska Native Claims Act (1/4 native Indian, Aleut, Eskimo or any combination thereof) should submit the baby's name, time of birth and proof (birth certificate, notarized statement by Doctor or attendant), to the TUNDRA TIMES before January 20.

Entries must be postmarked before midnight. Our address is Box 1287, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707.