

LAND CLAIM PRINCIPALS – Meeting for dinner in Washington, D.C. in 1970 were several of the individuals who figured prominently in the Native land claims settlement effort. Pictured standing from left to right are: Joe Rothstein, aide to Senatoe Mike Gravel; John Havelock, state attorney general; Ron Birch, aide to Senator Ted Stevens; Don Wright, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives; Adrian Parmeter, consultant to AFN; Willie Hensley, state senator. Pictured seated are: Senator Mike Gravel, Governor William A. Egan, Senator Ted Stevens, U.S. Representative Nick Begich, and state senator Cliff Groh. The Native land settlement preoccupied the attention of most of these figures for years until the settlement was reached in December of 1971. The settlement's seventh anniversary will be celebrated this winter.