

AVCP expresses appreciation

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), we wish to express our appreciation to the delegates of last week's AFN Special Convention for their attentive participation and guidance during the 1991 Convention at Anchorage. With the support and direction of village and regional delegates, the AVCP and Calista delegation was able to obtain statewide public policy support for concerns on 1991 ANCSA issues. Over the coming months and years, as the 1991 proposals are brought to the

attention of the Congress, AVCP pledges to work in good faith with villages, the AFN and other regions to advocate for adoption of the 1991 proposals.

It is our belief that Native community concerns, as expressed by village delegates through the AVCP and Calista delegation, may now be properly addressed through the 1991 process adopted by the AFN Special Convention. AVCP will part participate attentively and in good faith with the AFN and other regions and villages to work to secure implementation of the 1991 policies

and procedures as approved by the AFN Special Convention. AVCP sincerely appreciates the attention of other regions and villages present at the AFN Special Convention, including Sealaska Corporation delegates and officers and other regional and village delegates, to concerns of our member Native communities. We look forward to a unified and cooperative effort to implement 1991 policies and procedures.

Harry Wilde, Sr., Chair.
Charlie Kairaiuak, V. Chair.

New Natives form petition

To the Editor:

We the Contemporary Native issues students of Koliganek School feel that the newborns (Natives born after 1971) should become shareholders in the Regional and Village Corporations created by ANCSA.

We the students drafted a petition reflecting our concerns. Most of the village people and students signed this petition.

The petition was sent to Tundra Times, Anchorage Times, BBNC, Village Corporation, AFN, and Congressional delegation, Ted Stevens, Frank Murkowski, Donald E. Young

and most of all our President Ronald Reagan.

We hope that other concerned villages will do the same.

Following is the petition we the Contemporary Native Issue students drafted.

We the undersigned feel that the new Natives should receive stock in the village and regional corporations created by ANCSA. If new Natives do not receive stock, then there will be no one to continue the corporation in the future. The new Natives will not care about the corporation because they will not be part of it. They won't own stock if they

are not included in the corporation. They will not even be considered Natives.

We are not concerned about the value of our own stock decreasing on account of the new Natives being allowed in. The corporation will be strengthened with the inclusion of new Natives.

By allowing new Natives to be included in the corporation, the land, the corporation, and culture have a better chance of remaining in Native control.

Signed
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JOM funds shouldn't be cut

Dear Alaskans,

Many of you may be familiar with the Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) Programs that are run in Alaska. It appears very likely that the Federal funds for JOM, which are administered through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, will be completely cut during the next fiscal year.

For those of you who consider yourself friends of Indian education in general and Johnson-O'Malley Programs in particular,

we urge you to write letters supporting JOM funding to our elected officials in Washington, D.C.

The academic test scores of Natives students have improved considerably over the past decade. We feel JOM is partially responsible for that improvement and we would like to continue working with Alaska's Native youth.

Thank you for your consideration and if you would like to sup-

port JOM following are three key addresses to which you might write:

The Hon. Don Young and the Hon. Frank Murkowski, House of Representatives, Washington D.C. 20515. The Hon. Ted Stevens, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

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