



NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INDIAN OPPORTUNITY — Indian Member Meeting With Vice President, Vice President's Conference Room, Washington, D.C. (L to R: Bob Robertson, executive director; Betty Mae Jumper; Joseph

C. Vasquez; Martin Seneca, Jr.; Vice President Spiro T. Agnew; John C. Rainer; Dr. B. Frank Belvin; Laura Bergt; Harold W. Shunk; Dale Wing, assistant executive director)

Vice President Agnew Briefs Laura

Laura Bergt, Tundra Times board member and member of the National Council On Indian Opportunity, had a private interview with Vice-President Spiro Agnew following a Republican luncheon at Travelers Inn, July 24.

Mrs. Bergt asked Agnew's help in securing funds to train and educate Alaskan Natives for post-settlement activities. The twelve Native regions submitted proposals through the AFN to OEO and OMNI for funds to be used in post-settlement training.

Agnew assured Mrs. Bergt

that he would personally see to it upon his return to Washington. Commented Mrs. Bergt: "He has always followed through with his personal commitment in the past and I am confident that he will in this matter."

Agnew is the chairman of the National Council On Indian Opportunity, which was created by a presidential executive order under Lyndon Johnson and consists of eight Indian members appointed by the President for a two year term and eight members of the President's cabinet.

NCIO members will arrive from all over the nation on July 25. On the 26th they will fly to Minto to look at housing, one of the group's major concerns. On

the following day, they will meet at the Fairbanks Native

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Agnew will not be present at the Fairbanks meeting but discussed several aspects of the agenda with Mrs. Bergt and hopes to attend a future meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. in August. The August meeting will be the last time the present council meets before expiration of their term.

Also present at the personal interview were Mrs. Agnew, Neil Bergt, and the Bergt's 11 year old son Michael, who had just come from baseball practice and was still in uniform.

Asked if Agnew and Michael had discussed matters of state, Mrs. Bergt said, "No, just baseball."

The one remaining member of the group was a six-week old husky puppy named Hero, presented to Agnew at the luncheon by Jim Lundgren of the Alaska Dog Mushers Association.

Although purported to be untrained as yet, the Alaskan pup showed a great deal of political sophistication and pulled no public blunders.