

Editorial—

From Bitterness to Unity

The Alaska Federation of Natives has now a constitution it "can live with." The native leaders who participated in arriving at that desired point can be credited with courage, stamina and guts. The drama that surrounded the effort was not evident to many people but it was there stark—at times painful, and, finally—it permeated the conference hall with elation. The delegations from all parts of Alaska at the Anchorage AFN convention had gotten their wish—a document that would come closest to their desire of working out their problems together with unity.

Arriving at the finished product was a difficult undertaking. The process was fought with angry outbursts, bitterness and doubts. It took strong men to thrash out the differences and strong men to accept the final results.

We are sure that the statewide representatives to the conference left this year's convention hall with confidence in the ability of their leaders who proved that they can weather adversity and come out a bit taller in the end. It also leaves us with confidence that the caliber of our leadership will serve us well as we engage the difficult problems in the days ahead.