



CINA LUNCHEON—Fuzzy photographer's No. 1 pic shows, from left to right, all the way to the fuzzy background, are: Rep. Bill Hensley, Miss Carol Barr, AFN secretary, Mrs. Emil Notti, and Emil. Some one hundred delegates to

the AFN conference in Anchorage were invited to luncheon by Don Wright, president of the Cook Inlet Native Association, and his officers on the second day of the conference.

Boyko Proposes Pooling...

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Boyko stated.

He went on to say that what lands were to be granted, the native people should take a large part of such grants. He said that when the Interior Department worked on its land bill, it worked in great secrecy.

"I am proposing that the State and the Alaska Federation of Natives cooperate on the draft of a new bill," Boyko continued. "With that kind of cooperation, we can come up with a more satisfactory bill."

He proposed that the bill should incorporate certain parts of S-2020 but that it should not include those the State does not agree with.

"If there was such a bill, we would like to provide sub-surface rights, even to large grants of land," Boyko said. "...The State needs land—the natives need lands. The State and the natives should go into partnership."

The Attorney General then proposed a creation of a commission that would have someone from the Interior Department, the State, and the Federation of Natives.

The commission would go

ahead and work on land problems and that it should be a 25-year program developed on a rational plan.

He said the native bill was bottled up at this moment in the Judiciary Committee. He called for an agreement on a bill and go to Washington with it.

"The State would fight for such a bill," Boyko said.

He added that "if the natives go against the State, we'll get absolutely nothing."

The Attorney General stated the Interior Department's land freeze was a device to perpetuate its future employment.

"The Interior Department is like the Smog Committee in Los Angeles," Boyko pointed out. "If they solve the smog problem, they wouldn't have a job."

Boyko touched on the rejection by the House of Representatives in Washington of the \$1 million for native housing in Alaska.

"The United States is characterized with side projects like the one in Vietnam that got the \$1 million needed for native housing. The way they are spending money over there, that \$1 million would not last five minutes," Boyko said.

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land bills, and that the Alaska Federation of Natives select legal counsel for the purpose of conferring with the various association attorneys, and that these attorneys be present at said meeting, and further that the National Congress of American Indians attorneys be invited to attend said meeting."

Also during last Sunday's session, the AFN group picked attorney Roger Connors of Juneau to act as counsel for the upcoming meeting with state administration and the federation group.

Notti said the reason for calling the meeting after November 10 was to give the

AFN officers and the board time to discuss the coming land talks in their own areas after which the AFN president will request a meeting with the Attorney General and the State.

The AFN officers and board members number 25 people.

Notti said that some of his officers thought that the meeting should be in Juneau. He himself said it would be cheaper transportationwise for the members to meet in Anchorage or Fairbanks.

"The whole board and the officers should all be there because what will be discussed is a big issue," President Notti said.

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communities are located in an identifiable geographic area, they may form an area-wide association.

Section 1 (b). If a conflict arises between area-wide associations the Board of Directors may be requested to act as arbitrator to resolve the dispute.

ARTICLE X

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting of the members of the Federation, or at any special meeting of the same called for that purpose, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present or represented by proxy at the meeting. No amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws shall be made at any regular meeting or special meeting unless a notice is mailed to each association and village not included in an area wide association at least thirty (30) days prior to such regular meeting or special meeting, stating that it is proposed that the articles be amended at such regular or special meeting. Or such amendment may be adopted by the majority vote of the annual meeting without previous notice to the associations, if two-thirds (2/3) of the associations shall thereafter ratify such action.

HOUSING FUND DROP STUNS...

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riations Subcommittee, led a strong fight for it, a fight in which he was supported by fellow senators, the one million dollar appropriation for the Alaska Native Housing program failed to win approval in the conference between the two houses of congress.

House conferees adamantly refused to accept the senators judgment that the Alaska Native Housing Act should be funded this year.

The one million dollar figure, requested by the administration, would have started the unique program for which ten million dollars has been authorized.

The House of Representatives refused to appropriate any money for the program. The senate appropriations committee and later the

senate accepted Senator Bartlett's amendment for one million dollars.

Bartlett was not a conferee but he has learned that Magnuson made an especially vigorous plea for the program, required principally because no federal housing laws could be made applicable in Alaskas remote villages.

Magnuson told the house conferees that perhaps improvement of health conditions among native people would be the biggest gain for better housing.

"If this came before you as a public health measure, you would pass it without argument," he said.

House members of the Conference Committee were unmoved and the senate finally had to recede.

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amending constitution committee, said:

"There was the best talent in the constitution committee and I don't think you could ask for better talent. I do think the concept of the constitution should be acceptable to every area because it retains local autonomy."

These were but a few remarks of the native leaders after the amended AFN constitution was passed unanimously by the convention delegates.

From the first day of the annual Alaska Federation of Natives' convention on October 19 in Anchorage, the conferees began the difficult deliberation of amending the statewide group's constitution drawn up last April at a meeting in the same city.

The results were disputed by some areas from the start. Some native leaders charged that the April meeting was not a representative one and the constitution drawn up then was "not acceptable."

APPARENT URGENCY

On the first day of the convention, there was an apparent urgency among the delegates that work on the constitution begin. At 3:00 p.m. that afternoon, Ralph Perdue of Fairbanks requested that it be taken up.

At that point, President Emil Notti dispensed with the agenda to allow the discussion to begin.

Ralph Perdue also took exception to changing of the organization's title last April from the Alaska Federation of Native Associations to Alaska Federation of Natives.

This touched off a hot debate on the convention floor. A motion was made to settle the dispute. Emil Notti then called for a roll call vote and the votes tied at eleven to eleven defeating the move to reinstate the former title.

Prior to the adjournment for the day, President Notti called for representatives from each of the organizations to discuss the constitution the evening of the first day of the meeting at the conference room of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Kalua Building of the Tyonek people.

Heated debate resulted at this meeting and the results were inconclusive.

"Things are not going too well," said Byron Mallott of

Yakutat that evening. "Fairbanks area and the North Slope are all but ready to walk out."

On the second day of the conference, Richard Frank of Minto and Fairbanks recommended that the constitution be taken up on the constitution committee level and that this committee when established be allowed to work on the amendments "for the next 30 days."

"I think the conference should establish a committee now and present the draft this evening," Flore Lekanof of Anchorage requested.

This touched off another argument between those who wished to complete the amending at the conference.

Senator Ray Christiansen argued that he was not going back home with a constitution he cannot live with and demanded that amendments be done "now."

Frank Degnan of Unalakleet jumped up from his seat and shouted, "Are we going to stay here and argue? Let's get down to business!"

Degnan drew loud applause from the delegates for his demand.

At this point, Senator Christiansen moved that a constitution committee be formed and a chairman named and get to work "now." The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE

John Hope, who had been pointing out parliamentary procedures meticulously during the meeting was appointed by President Notti to chair the constitution committee.

Notti then named the following people:

Eben Hopson, Barrow; Rep. Bill Hensley, Kotzebue; Frank Degnan, Unalakleet; Sen. Ray Christiansen, Bethel; Harold Carter, Kodiak; Alice Brown, Kenai; Byron Mallott, Yakutat; Don Wright, first vice president, AFN, Anchorage; Markle Ewan, Glenallen; John Borbridge, Jr., Juneau and Anchorage; Rep. John Sackett, Huslia; and Katie (Egowa) Beals, Fairbanks.

The committee thrashed out amendments for about seven hours and the results were read to the conference by President Notti.

Two minor amendments were made from the floor after which it was put to vote for adoption and the statewide delegation adopted the new constitution unanimously.

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villagers.

He will also contact employers in areas he visits for possible job placements.

Peratrovich said his job makes it easier for job applicants in villages so that they wouldn't have to waste time and money coming to employment locations without assurance for jobs.

When jobs become available to those he interviewed, they are contacted about the job.

Frank Peratrovich will be in Barrow and Wainwright until Saturday, November 11.

"I am quite pleased with the job because quite a few native people have been hired through the interviews," he said.

He is travelling north with Jim O'Rourke, manager of the State Employment Service in Fairbanks.



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