

AFN PLANS MEET WITH BOYKO

Conference with Boyko, State May Be Held in Fairbanks After Nov. 10

The officers and the Board of Directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives will meet with State Attorney General Edgar Paul Boyko sometime after November

10, AFN President Emil Notti said today.

The meeting will be to discuss Alaska native land claims bills and the AFN officials will explore the State's stand and attitudes toward the land problems.

"We don't want to hold up progress and we want to be the part of development of Alaska," said President Notti. "We should also keep in mind that these claims by the native people are against the federal government. I feel the State should support the natives on their claims."

Last Sunday, the officers and board members met at the conference room of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Kaloa Building in Anchorage and made preparations for the upcoming meeting.

The group composed the following motion and voted to adopt it:

"That the full Board of Directors and officers act as a committee to meet with the state administration for the purpose of determining their position with regard to the

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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.