

# T-H: Vote Against State Claims Stand

John Borbridge, Jr., president of the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians, publicly voiced opposition Tuesday to the native land claims position of the State of Alaska and urged the 16 Alaskan communities in the council to make their votes count in the November 3 election.

These 16 communities include more than 10,000 people, the native leader said.

Tuesday he urged the delegates to organize their communities so as to insure that a large proportion of the people reach the polls on Nov. 3.

The land claims issue is of top priority in this election, he said, and the native people should be informed of the position taken by the Governor and his administration so that they can reach a decision with full knowledge of which candidates are most likely to best serve their interests.

In the primary, many of the regional leaders did not make their positions known, he added. "I don't think we can afford indifference on the part of the regionals."

In stating his opposition to the Governor's land claims posi-

tion, Borbridge noted that the State has supported a land settle-

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ment of from 10 to 12 million acres with no oil and gas rights and has opposed a 2 per cent overriding royalty. It would lift the land freeze and would oppose the right of Southeast Alaska to receive national forest land in a claims settlement bill.

In contrast, the AFN called for full title to 40 million acres, including all mineral rights, a 2 per cent overriding royalty and continuation of the total land freeze.