

Brainstorming Claims Session In Anchorage

Native leaders, federal and state officials met this week in Anchorage to discuss land claims.

"It has been a brainstorming session on subjects to be discussed at a later time," said Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, yesterday afternoon.

Notti said that the State Attorney General Edgar Boyko, presented a tentative bill that proposed to get ten million acres of forest lands for villages and another 21 million acres for village uses such as subsistence hunting.

Attorney Barry Jackson, on behalf of the Fairbanks Native Association, proposed that a thousand acres per person be awarded village people; that 25 per cent of state lease revenue within claim areas go to village regional associations and

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The State gets 90 per cent of federal leases on lands and such and within claim areas, Jackson proposed, 25 per cent of that 90 per cent state share go to native organizations.

Jackson further proposed that compensation for lands given to third parties be settled by the Court of Claims; that the thousand acres per person be fee title from the State. In return, the federal government would reimburse the State for lands the State deeds to the native people.

Notti said that about 15

people attended the meeting including the Drafting Committee of the Land Claims Task Force, Att. Gen. Boyko, area solicitor Hugh Wade, Secretary Stewart Udall's representative Robert Vaughn, BIA coordinator Burke Riley and lawyers Barry Jackson, Clifford Groh and Roger Connors.

"Very good atmosphere at the meeting," said Emil Notti.