Editorial—

Bill Does Not Say It Shouldn't Be Done

There has been serious concern about the Nixon administration native land claims bill's provision that a single central control corporation be created to handle the proceeds of the claims settlement. Taken in that context, it is a rather alarming concept that can scare the dickens out of any regional member of the Alaska Federation of Natives and including the Tundra Times.

Tundra Times has found out that this provision in the bill might have been instituted for expediency in the process of the congressional action on the bill.

"The bill does not say that the beneficiaries cannot establish regional corporations after the claims are settled," Sen. Ted Stevens told Tundra Times last weekend.

Sen. Stevens' statement is worth noting--noted with good hard thoughts behind it. Perhaps, it might inspire more emphasis on the positive aspects of the various land claims bills while trying hard for equitable settlement.