

Drage assumes Chugach presidency

Lionel L. Drage, of Utah, has been named President of Chugach Natives, Inc. This announcement came from G.R. Andersen, Jr., Chairman of the Board. Drage assumed his new responsibilities on March 31, 1980 and is fast becoming acquainted in Anchorage business circles. Director Edgar Blatchford, who served as Interim President, will continue to work in the corporation office during a transition period.

Prior to accepting the Alaska position, Drage was head of Emery Mining Corporation of Huntington, Utah. In addition to mining and development he has an extensive background in industrial engineering and finance. In Utah, he established the first women's bank ever organized in that state. Drage hold an MBA in corporate finance from the University of California at Berkeley. He has been named to serve on the Board of Directors of United Bank Alaska, one of the regional corporation's investments. Drage is also the new Chairman of the Board of Chugach Alaska Native Fisheries, Inc., a CNI subsidiary which owns a salmon processing plant at Cordova.

In the mid-70's, Drage established a reputation for expertise in the field of emergency medical care which briefly brought him to Alaska. As a Consultant, he guided a study that resulted in Alaska's present emergency medical care system.

Following the end of the school year, Drage will be joined in Anchorage by his wife, Joan, and the two youngest of their six children. An active family, they look forward to the many outdoor attractions of Alaska.