

Potpourri of Land Matters—

Goldberg, Reg. Counsel Relations Fine, Senate Committee Hearings

The relationship between the Arthur J. Goldberg law firm and the Alaska regional counsel has developed into a very good one.

"The problems that we have had have been largely resolved," stated Barry Jackson, regional counsel for Tanana Chiefs along with Tom Fenton. "Real working team is developing."

—The Alaska Federation of Natives is in the process of retaining a national advertising a-

gency to put together a national publicity campaign with funds to be initially supplied by the Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc. of New York.

—The AAIA is prepared to commit \$100,000 to support the Alaska native land claims settlement through national publicity.

—The Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee under the chairmanship of Sen. Henry M. Jackson wants to have hearings in August. The hearing dates have not been set however. The hearings will delve into the native position in relation to the plans of legislation on land claims

in Congress.

—Arthur Lazarus, general counsel for the AAIA, is making the initial draft of the proposed amendments to the land bill.

—The AFN has asked for a meeting with Gov. Keith H. Miller to explore the state's position on the native land claims. The meeting has been set for next week but the dates have not been firmed up.

—"I have approached Charles W. Rhyne, former president of the American Bar Association and close friend of President Nixon, to associate him as Washington counsel for Tanana

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Chiefs," disclosed Barry Jackson.

Jackson said that negotiations with Rhyne have not been concluded.

—Alaska regional counsels had extensive meetings in Washington and agreed that the Arthur Goldberg firm take the overall responsibility for drafting the land measure.

Regional counsels have decided that they will give all the assistance they can.

—Extensive meetings have been held between the Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel, Goldberg and his firm and the Alaska regional counsel.

Tasso Scott of the Rhyne law firm in Washington and a recently retired member of the Indian Claims Commission, attended the meetings of the regional counsel and the meetings with Sec. Hickel.

Barry Jackson said that Scott has the distinction of being a frequent dissenter when he served as the member of the Indian Claims Commission. Scott is considered to be the friend of the Indians.

"Everybody is cooperating once again," said Barry Jackson. "Regional counsel also agreed we should use the Tundra Times to get information out to the native people on the land claims and try to get more funds for the newspaper."