# This week in Alaska Native History

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Smithsonian opens exhibition

The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., recently opened an exhibition of Haida, Tlingit and Tsimshian art work.

The exhibit, scheduled to run through November 1974, includes a collection of wooden objects made in the late 19th century.

#### Tundra Times joins AIPA

The Tundra Times announced recently that it is now a member of the American Indian Press Association.

AIPA, an organization which includes most of America's regularly published Indian newspapers in its membership, also manages a Washington, D.C. bureau which provides news releases concerning Indian affairs

Among the AIPA features that will be included in upcoming Tundra Times editions will be stories which analyze national legislation and federal policies concerning Indian affairs.

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#### AAIA to publish newsletter

The Association on American Indian Affairs will begin publishing a quarterly newsletter, it was announced recently.

The newsletter will focus on the problems of Indian family defense and child welfare.

The first issue of the newsletter will be available later this month.

## Laura Bergt to promote Alaska

Mrs. Laura Bergt has been selected to represent Alaska at the Century City Alaska Travel and Trade Fair in Los Angeles on Mar ch 7-15.

Mrs. Bergt, of Kotzebue, was selected by a committee headed by Anchorage Mayor George Sullivan.

Mrs. Bergt has previously served as manager of the famous World Eskimo Olympics for two years, 1966 and 1967.

#### New office opens

The battle for settlement of \$500 million in native land claims was stepped up this week with the opening of a new main office by the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians. The new office is in the Kaloa Building, 1675 'C' Street, in Anchorage.

According to John Borbridge Jr., president of the council, Anchorage was selected as the site for the new office because of its proximity to the federal and state agencies involved in the land claims issue.

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#### Governor proclaims Jan. 12-18 'International Printing Week'

January 12-18 has been proclaimed as "International Printing Week" in Alaska.

In issuing the proclamation, Governor William A. Egan, also pointed out that development parallels the history of the printed word as a medium for preserving for future generations, the ideas and achievements of the past and present generations. "Men and women of the printing industry may look back with pride on the accomplishments of their labor in contributing to the knowledge and skills of our nations." he concluded.

# State police to sponsor school for village police officers

The Alaska State Police will conduct a one-week training course for village policemen beginning January 27

According to Public Safety Commissioner Martin B. Underwood, the purpose of the course is to improve the efficiency of local police officers in the small communities. Instruction will include familiarizing police officers with the basic steps of criminal law, the laws of arrest and search, and the techniques of basic criminal investigation.

"This is a 'pilot' cousse, and the first of its type to be conducted in Alaska." Underwood said. "If it is successful, further courses will be organized in other areas of the state."