

Native News Update

Petition on Alaska Civil Jurisdiction — Association of Interior Eskimos (AIE) president John Heffle, North Pole, has begun circulating a petition in Native communities asking Assistant Interior Secretary for Indian Affairs Forrest Gerard to remove Alaska State authority for civil jurisdiction in actions to which Alaska Natives and American Indians are parties. KIAK Newscaster Sharon McConnell reported in Fairbanks this week that Heffle has solicited support for the petition from persons in such communities as Kotzebue, Anchorage, Juneau and Barrow. Heffle is also seeking to appeal an injunction issued October 31 by Fairbanks Superior Court Judge James Blair which ordered Heffle and Arctic John Etalook to stop blocking the North Slope Haul Road where it crosses Etalook's Native allotment near the village of Wiseman, according to the reporter. McConnell said on her radio show "The Alaska Native News" that Arctic John, 86 years-old, is confused about the whole situation and neither speaks nor writes little English.

CETA Grants to AFN and Tlingit and Haida Central Council — The U.S. Labor Department announced a grant of \$1,125,000 to the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska in Juneau and \$800,000 to the Alaska Federation of Natives this month. Grants from the Employment and Training Administration of the Department were made under Title VII of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). The purpose of the program is to strengthen private and Native enterprises in Native villages and communities. The THCC grant will strengthen job development in logging and fisheries, while AFN is to develop business management skills in Native communities. THCC and AFN were selected in national competition.

KANA President on Leave — Frank R. Peterson, president of the Kodiak Area Native Association, was granted an 11-month leave of absence by the regional non-profit Native corporation board of directors in an action of the directors this month, according to an announcement from KANA. Vice President Ione Norton will assume Peterson's responsibilities during the president's absence. Peterson has headed the organization since 1974, during a period of remarkable growth in the corporation's programs, funded through contracts and grants. He reportedly requested

the leave for an extended period of rest upon medical advice. Peterson continued to carry out some responsibilities this month, representing KANA at a meeting of the AFN human resources board this week in Anchorage.

Kompkoff Returns to Eyak Corporation Presidency — Pete Kompkoff is the new President of the Eyak Corporation of Cordova following the resignation of Pat Barnes from the post this month, according to the Nov. 15 issue of the **Cordova Times**. Barnes remains on the board and decided to resign in order to "move onto other things" according to the newspaper. Two other resignations, those of directors Henry Markarka and Roberta Parsons, were also reported. The **Times** said the vacancies were filled by Martin Parsons, Gail Foode and Sharon Hughes. Kompkoff served as Eyak president from 1975-1977. He expressed regret at the resignations and complimented the former directors for their service.

Changes Announced in Key Native Bank Staff — United Bank Alaska President Gene Erskine has announced major changes in the UBA commercial loan and real estate departments. John Houlihan has been named Senior V.P. for lending functions, replacing Frank Lentfer, who has moved into UBA executive administration. Ed Leon and Larry Snyder have been promoted to positions of Vice Presidents in the loan department, while Gisela Flaa has been named Loan Operations Officer. Rosella Parks has been appointed to the new position of Vice President of the real estate department. President Erskine further announced the promotion of Theone Terrell to Personnel Officer of the bank. Erskine heralded the promotions as a move by UBA to assemble an "excellent team of veteran Alaskan bankers to serve its customers."

Arctic Slope AG/GC joint venture formed — D. L. "Roy" Cheney, General Manager of Arctic Slope Alaska General Construction Company, and R.P. Gregory, Jr., President of Gregory & Cook, Inc. have announced for formation of a joint venture between the two companies. The joint venture, to be known as Arctic Slope AG/GC, will be involved in pipeline construction and related facilities in Alaska, the announcement said. Gregory & Cook, Inc. is a major international pipeline contractor.