## Statehood key to multi-national land-grab

The multi-national interests in the past have been developing a plan to exploit the rich natural and mineral resources from our land at the lowest minimum cost.

Without private possession of Alaska land the multinationals were unable to develop any of the rich natural mineral resources. In order to gain private possession, to begin development, admission to the Union of the United States was essential.

Since the Treaty of Cession of 1867 numerous different times and ways were proposed for admission to the Union of the U.S., until 1959 when the Alaska Statehood Act was

passed.

This was the key for the multi-nationals to gain interest of our land, which was all in the plan.

For the next 12 years the land was not in private possession until the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 was passed to gain private (Continued on Page Two)

## Control of our land important

(Continued from Twenty-Four) possession under state chartered Native corporations, which was just another part of the plan to start the rich

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The time has come for us to stand against these multi-national interests in order to gain conctrol of our land as we have for the past thousands of years. HARRY H. LORD Tribal Realtor Officer Assn. Interior Eskimo