

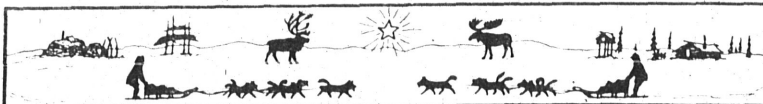
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T-H RE-ELECTS BORBRIDGE

T-H Central Council President Beats Out His Rival in Close Election

By ROGER McPHERSON

PETERSBURG — The 1972 Convention of the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska in Petersburg, Alaska re-elected John Borbridge as President.

Following an Executive Session during which Mr. Ted Denny of Saxman brought a grievance before the Convention, delegates to the Convention re-elected Mr. Borbridge in a close 29 to 35 vote.

Clarence Jackson of Kake captured First Vice-Presidency, Aaron Isaacs, Jr. of Craig, Secretary, and Richard Kito of Petersburg, Treasurer.

Knowledge of Parliamentary procedures characterized the fast moving convention. Proposed constitutional amendments changing the number of district representatives and restricting the power of the Executive Committee to appoint more officers as needed were closely scrutinized by the delegates, and finally defeated.

The "Canadian Question," hinging on seating the Yukon and Masset delegates representing 1054 certified Tlingits and Haidas of Canadian blood was presented to the convention by Steven Hotch of Klukwan.

During discussion of the motion, Richard Stitt of Juneau asked whether the U.S. Govern-

ment programs and Canadian voting were compatible.

The motion to seat the Yukon and Masset delegates was tabled, thereby ending the Canadians' hopes of having 8 votes in Central Council affairs.

Mr. Borbridge told the assembled delegates, "You have disposed of the matter of seating. This does not rule out the matter of meaningful negotiations with respect to the future of our Canadian delegates."

Although snow storms held up some delegates, the convention began Wednesday, April 19th, to review the fiscal affairs of the Central Council. John Borbridge had requested Ernst and Ernst, one of the 8 largest Certified Public Accounting firms in the nation, to do a mid-year audit of Central Council finances.

Representatives of the firm presented the report, and an-

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EMILY IVANOFF BROWN JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP, named for Mrs. Brown, left, prominent Eskimo journalist, is awarded to Marilyn Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Richards of Fairbanks. The \$150-a-semester scholarship for native students is given in Mrs.

Brown's name by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Ira Harkey of Reno, Nevada, a former visiting lecturer in journalism at the University of Alaska's Fairbanks campus. Miss Richards is a freshman at the university.

Opens Telephone Campaign for Hard of Hearing

By NORMA BOWKETT

FAIRBANKS — Mrs. Laura Bergt of Fairbanks has opened a telephone campaign urging public support of two bills in the state legislature which would provide for in-state care for deaf children.

Mrs. Bergt says she has been informed that both bills — House Bill 706 and Senate Bill 340 — have a good chance of passing if enough individuals who wish to have handicapped children educated within the state make their wishes known in Juneau.

Deaf children now are forced to go out of the state for their education because of a lack of adequate facilities needed for

their education.

During the past year Mrs. Bergt has been campaigning for in-state educational facilities for the handicapped child.

She and other parents of handicapped children have sent a wire to John Antonen, Special Education Consultant with the Department of Education in Juneau, asking that state officials visit the Fairbanks school district classes for the deaf and hard of hearing because the parents

"strongly feel that this already (Continued on Page 6)

Enrollment Shoots Past 25,000— Inquiries Coming from as Far Away as Chile

By MARGIE BAUMAN
(Courtesy of Anchorage Daily News)

ANCHORAGE — Upwards of 25,000 Eskimos, Aleuts and In-

dians are enrolled so far for benefits of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and inquiries on enrollment have arrived from 46 states, Europe

and Chile.

Enrollment coordinator Gary T. Longley, Sr. said Sunday that his assistant, Geroge Walters, would leave Anchorage about May 1 to begin outside enrollment, with stops at Bureau of Indian Affairs schools in Haskell, Kansas, Chemawa, Oregon, and Chillicothe, Oklahoma, where Alaska Natives are studying.

Walters will also visit west coast Native associations to speed enrollment there.

Enumeration has been completed in all villages of the Bristol Bay region and the Tlingit-Haida Central Council in Southeastern Alaska, and the work is near completion for the Northwest Alaska Native Association, and Chugach Area Native Association. The Copper River Native Association is 70 per cent done and over 50 per cent of the Arctic Slope Native population has enrolled.

Otto Thiele, regional coordinator for the Cook Inlet Region, Inc. said over 5,000 persons are signed up for his region, where enrollment ends Friday.

Persons within the Tanana Chiefs Conference have until the

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RCA Bush Phone Probe Continues

The Alaska Public Utilities Commission convened a public hearing concerning the manner in which RCA Com., Inc. has been implementing its bush telephone program for 142 Alaskan villages.

This hearing is part of an investigation which the Commission instituted after reviewing a report submitted by RCA which indicated that cost projections for the program had escalated from 4.5 million to 8.5 million dollars.

After opening statements, Commissioner John M. Stern,

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In a dramatic countermove Friday, April 21, The Arctic Slope Natives intervened in their own behalf in the controversial North Slope borough lawsuit.

Under the leadership of Joe Upicksoun and Charlie Edwardson, Jr., The Arctic Slope Native Association and the Inupiat communities of the Arctic Slope, the fourth class villages of Barrow, Kak-tovik, Anaktuvuk Pass, Wainwright, and Point Hope, applied to the Superior Court in Anchorage for permission to intervene in a lawsuit against the formation of the North Slope borough by seven major oil companies and five local interests.

The powerful conglomerate

of oil interests, including Mobil Oil Corp., Amerada Hess Corp., Amoco Products Production Co., BP Oil Corp., Humble Oil, Phillips Petroleum, and Union Oil of California, joined by Frontier Rock and Sand, Mukluk Freight Lines, Inc., Clifford C. Burglin, Locke Jacobs, and Frank Novosel, have sought to block the creation of the borough on the charges that "as presently proposed, it does not meet the constitutional and statutory standards for organized boroughs."

The oil firms filed suit on March 28 against the State of Alaska's Local Boundary Commission, which had authorized the borough. The Commission is being defended

by the Attorney General's office.

Although the Arctic Slope Native Association were the proponents who made the application for borough status over a year ago, the oil companies did not name them as a party to the lawsuit.

"What we did Friday," said Frederick Paul, attorney for ASNA, "was to apply for authority to participate in the case. We wanted to be in a position where we could express our views."

The oil companies also have an application to restrain the June 20 election ordered by the Lieutenant Governor. The arguments will be heard in Anchorage, Wednesday,

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ASNA Countermoves Against Oil—

Eskimos Intervene in their Own Behalf in Borough Suit