

# Sen. Committee Land Hearings May Come 6 to 8 Weeks Hence

Former Justice Arthur Goldberg and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, will be meeting with the governing board of the Alaska Federation of Natives on Mar. 28 in Anchorage.

The talk is expected to be for the purpose of concluding arrangements for Justice Goldberg to represent the interests of the native people of Alaska in connection with the native

land claims.

Last week, Emil Notti, president of the AFN, John Borbridge, first vice president of the AFN and president of the Tlingit and Haida Central Council, and Robert Goldberg, son of the Justice, and who now resides

in Anchorage, made a trip to New York to confer with Goldberg.

"I would say basically he indicated his willingness to act as our counsel in the whole land claims," said Borbridge. "He

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was very sympathetic to our efforts to achieve a just and equitable settlement."

Justice Goldberg is slated to be the principal speaker at the annual Alaskan Press Club Man of the Year banquet in Anchorage on Mar. 28. The banquet will take place in the evening and the meeting with the AFN governing board is expected to take place sometime during the day on Mar. 28.

"I was tremendously impressed with the intellectual grasp of Justice Goldberg of the complex situation and what I consider to be an extremely sympathetic and interested attitude toward the efforts of the Eskimos, Indians, and Aleuts," said Borbridge.

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After conferring with Goldberg in New York, the delegation went to Washington and met with Alaska congressional delegation and discussed the present progress of the claims.

On the basis of the discussion, Borbridge said, it appears that the chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs, Sen. Henry Jackson, requested that both the Department of the Interior and the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska, draw up the committee's recommendations into bill form.

"The idea is that when these are ready, they will be sent to the Alaska Federation of Natives for its use in drawing up a bill they wish to present to Congress," said Borbridge.

"Informed sources," Borbridge continued, "indicate that it is unlikely, under the present circumstances, that hearings will be held before the Senate Committee in less than six to eight weeks.

"The congressional delegation, likewise, emphasized their desire for a bill drawn up by the Alaska natives that reflect the desires of the Alaska natives and presented a position that they could fully support."