

Stringer Would Probe ANICA if Requested

John Stringer, supervisor of the Wage and Hours Division of the State Department of Labor, told Tundra Times this week that upon request his division will investigate Leonard L. Monaghan's charge that the

central office in Seattle of the Alaska Native Industries Co-operative Association was under paying the village ANICA store managers.

Stringer hastened to add that last Friday's Tundra Times article incorrectly printed the Alaska minimum wage at \$2.25 per hour.

"Please be advised that the Alaska minimum wage is \$2.10 per hour, not \$2.25 as reported," wired John Stringer.

"The Wage and Hours Division upon request will investigate any situation of this type to see that the minimum wage laws are complied with and the worker's rights protected," added Stringer.

Leonard Monaghan had alleged that the ANICA central office was paying the village store managers as low as \$1.25 per hour.

Monaghan had been employed by ANICA as a store advisor for four months but he was fired recently by the ANICA general manager Winfield Ervin, Jr. after Monaghan had attempted to raise store manager's wages

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to what he thought would conform to the provisions of the minimum wage law.

Monaghan also suggested that the present general manager be dismissed by the ANICA board of directors.

He also suggested that the ANICA central office be moved from Seattle to Fairbanks or Anchorage.

Life is just one damned thing after another.

—FRANK W. O'MALLEY