

# Banquet...

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especially Nixon supporters in attendance who grimaced at Shriver's words.

Other speakers, among them the publishers of Alaska's two largest newspapers, stayed clear of politics and lavished praise on Rock for his journalistic accomplishments.

"Howard has earned any honor we folks can give him," said Robert Atwood of the Anchorage Daily Times.

"He created a newspaper out of just an idea," Atwood said. "If you have an idea and you pursue it, there's no limit to where you can go."

"This delay in the money does change things," Atwood said, referring to a lawsuit tying up \$130 million due to Native regional corporations from the Alaska Native Fund. "It's just another instance where Alaskans are suffering from absentee controls—but we'll find some way to get that money."

Publisher C.W. Snedden of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner hailed Rock for his influence in settling the land claims issue.

"If we had a few more Howard Rocks, we would have had the land claims settled sooner," he said.

Congressman Don Young, whose telegram of congratulations was read by State Sen. Willie Hensley, D-Kotzebue, said Rock had transformed the Tundra Times from an idea into an institution. Other tributes came by letter from Interior Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton, Ann Stevens, wife of U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, U.S. Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, at the head table with Rock, and Frank Degnan of Unalakleet, who spoke of the history of the paper.

One of the highlights of the dinner was an auction of a painting and sketch of a whale hunt—both done by Rock in his office at the Tundra Times. Executive director Sam Kito of Doyon, Limited, regional Native Corporation of the Interior, used a fork for a gavel in the lively auction. Top bidders for the oil painting, at \$4,500 was Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. Doyon President John Sackett had the top bid of \$1,600 for a sketch by Rock of the same scene.

Prior to the bidding Rock spoke for several minutes about his background as an artist, the story behind the painting being auctioned and the Tundra Times. Of the latter, he said, "It's been rough going, but now it looks as if things will be better. We're still keeping our nose above water—maybe soon we'll be able to get up to our shoulders," he said.

Of the event, the largest sit-down dinner in Alaska history, Rock said, "I'm very proud."

## Bigjim Teaches

The Alaska Native Land Claims Act will change the way of life for Alaska Natives who live in the state, according to Fred Bigjim.

Bigjim, a Native of Nome and a graduate of the University of Alaska, Anchorage and Harvard University, teaches a class on "The Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act," a two-credit course in political science.

The course is being offered as part of a Regional Corporation Business Training Program at Anchorage Community College.

The course studies the power struggle that has developed over the rights of Natives to use, occupy and have legal rights to their land areas in the state.

# Native Arts Festival Set

By MARILYN RICHARDS

Plans are now under way for what is hopefully the first annual Festival of Native Arts in Fairbanks.

The festival is scheduled for the week of March 9-16 to coincide with the Fairbanks Native Association's annual potlatch which is to be March 17.

Sally Isto, an SOS English teacher at the University here said about 16 faculty members and 18 students have been meeting since early October working on the festival.

Isto said that the festival committee needs over \$5,000 to fund festival participants' traveling expenses and material costs. She said the committee needs contributions. Interested persons can reach her at 479-7105 or Terry Tomzak, a teacher of Native dance at 479-7205.

In order to meet the schedule date the money is needed by the middle of January.

The festival will be held on campus. Its specific goals are to increase understanding and pride of the Native students in their own and related cultures, to increase understanding and respect for these arts by non-Natives, to inform the Fairbanks community about some of the traditions, techniques, artists and questions involved in present day production of both Eskimo and Indian arts and crafts.

The festival would extend knowledge to the public through exhibitions, displays, demonstrations, drama, films, storytelling and dancing. A discussion on the role of Native arts in Alaska to-

day and the roles of school in supporting and disseminating information about the arts is planned.

Some of the students going home to their villages this Christmas vacation will be talking about the arts to people in their villages about participating in the festival who may be traveling to Fairbanks for the Potlatch. Many of the students are accomplished artists and craftsmen who will also be involved in festival demonstrations.

Isto said that with the festival coinciding with the FNA potlatch maybe both the festival and the potlatch could share performers and activities.

Student chairmen for the Inupiat Eskimo events are Elmer Jackson, the reigning Miss FNA Neta Sheldon, and Emily Wilson. The Yupik Eskimo committee are John Naskoonak, Moses Chanar and Stanislaus Nevak.

In charge of the Athabaskan events are Julia Nicolai and Violet Esmailka. Student Karen Eddy and Al Hill, an SOS counselor are working on Southeast activities. Students Cindy Samuelsen and Diane Nelson will arrange the Aleut portion of the festival.

Each night of the festival would feature one specific cultural group such as the Inupiat Eskimo or the Tlingit or the Athabaskan. Isto said that hopefully there will be no admission charge and reminds everyone that the festival committee meets tentatively every Friday afternoon.

## ANCSA Payment Made Wednesday

Federal District Court Judge Oliver Gasch Tuesday released the \$130 million balance of \$138 million due Dec. 18 under provision of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Gasch's action came in Washington, D.C. along with orders for a hearing in January to decide whether another election on creation of a 13th regional Native corporation should be held.

A dispute over the election in which creation of the 13th region was defeated had caused a delay over distribution of the \$130 million. It was learned in the midst of the Alaska Federation of Natives convention in Anchorage that non-resident Alaska Natives had filed suit to half distribution of that money on grounds their election was not properly conducted.

Should the judge next month decide to order a new election and non-resident Natives vote for their own region, next year's payments from the Alaska Native Fund would be adjusted to compensate for any funds lost in the current payment.

A total of \$8 million was distributed prior to Dec. 18 to the 12 established regional corporations. Advances of \$500,000 apiece went to Ahitna Inc., Aleut Corp., Arctic Slope Regional Corp., Bristol Bay Native Corp., and Koniag Inc. Other advances were: Bering Straits Native Corp., \$700,000; Calista Corp., \$1,494,400; Chugach Natives Inc., \$585,000; Cook Inlet Region Inc., \$750,000; Doyon Limited, \$777,400; NANA Regional Corp., \$545,200, and Sealaska Corp., \$650,000.

The total amount per region, including the advances and interest, includes:

Ahitna Inc., \$1,840,464; Aleut Corp., \$6,042,554; Arctic Slope Regional Corp., \$7,046,609; Bering Straits Native Corp., \$12,560,713; Bristol Bay Native Corp., \$9,989,529; Calista Corp., \$24,567,464; Chugach Natives Inc., \$3,799,374; Cook Inlet Region Inc., \$11,212,254; Doyon Limited, \$16,941,382; Koniag Inc., \$5,856,685; NANA Regional Corp., \$8,998,007; and Sealaska Corp., \$29,467,473.

The 13th regional corporation meanwhile continues to be one of the highly controversial issues surrounding distribution of funds. Among the non-resident Natives attending the convention was Rachael Craig of Seattle, who enrolled to Kotzebue in the NANA Regional Corp.

### AIA BUYS NEW HERC

Alaska International Air recently acquired a new stretch Hercules aircraft from Air France International in Chicago, it was announced recently by Neil Bergert, AIA president.

According to the purchase agreement, delivery of the new aircraft, a Hercules L-100-20, will take place in March, 1974. Purchase price is \$4.1 million.

"The new aircraft will bring our total fleet to six," said Bergert, and he added, "with the advent of the trans-Alaska pipeline and increased activity in Alaskan industry and worldwide markets, we feel this acquisition will further enhance our service and efficiency."

Alaska International Air is a worldwide air cargo carrier. Although headquartered in Fairbanks, Alaska, the firm operates in South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, as well as serving remote areas of Alaska.

## at AFN Panel

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to every Alaskan that this aspect of state sovereignty be preserved," he said.

"These issues were not addressed and they should be addressed as we go to Congress," he said.

Gov. William A. Egan meanwhile, in his keynote address, said he was "seriously concerned about the possible adverse affects on our state's future that are presented" by Morton's proposals.

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The governor referred to state transportation needs and similarly, the matter of maintaining subsistence capability of fish and game resources within the federally withdrawn lands.

"Subsistence need is a matter involving the traditional control by a state over two of its very important resources... which is especially critical in the case of Alaska as evidenced by the sorry record of fisheries declines under federal control during territorial days," Egan said.

The governor said all recommendations proposed, except forest service lands, ought to be subjected to a 10-year study period for possible wilderness designations.

Members of the association are: Dr. Walter Soboleff, chairman; Mrs. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Asickis; Linda Badten; Frank Berry; Virginia Dows; Poldine Carlo; Elaine Ramos; Dr. and Mrs. W.R. Ricklefs; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Senungetuk; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Senungetuk; Edith Tegosiak; Edna Wilder and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

Miniature Eskimo lamps which burn vegetable oil are being manufactured on a non-profit basis by the Pottery Works of Fairbanks, Box 81467, College, Alaska 99701. Proceeds from their sale are divided between an honorarium for Mrs. Brown, who designed them, and a scholarship fund in the university's journalism department.

### OFFER CASH AWARDS

Mature women needing training to obtain employment and high school students graduating in 1974 may be eligible for cash awards from the Soroptimists Club of Fairbanks.

Persons meeting the above requirements are encouraged to apply for two grants which will be made available. Application should be made by Jan. 1 to Mrs. Ralph Perdue, chairman of the grants committee. Mrs. Perdue's phone number is 456-5105.

The first grant is available for training or re-training of a mature woman. The \$1,000 award is to be given to assist a woman financially to meet training costs in changing demands of employment for vocational or technical training.

The second type of grant will make up to four cash awards available to Fairbanks youth. "Youth Citizenship Awards" of \$25, \$50, and \$100 will be given to youths. Additionally, the name of a Fairbanks student will be entered in regional competition for a \$1,000 award.

Persons who may qualify for these awards are encouraged to contact Mrs. Perdue for further information.

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### NATIVE PROGRAMS

More than \$3.7 million for Alaska Native and Indian programs is included in an Interior Department funding bill approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Sen. Ted Stevens, a member of the committee, said the additions were part of the Interior Department's fiscal 1974 supplemental appropriations bill.

The measure would make available \$1 million for the department to advance Alaska Native regional corporations from the Alaska Native Fund created under the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act.

Stevens said the funds would be available for corporation organization, land selection and debt repayment.

### CRAB AREAS CLOSED

JUNEAU—The Adak and Western Aleutians king crab areas were closed by emergency order effective at noon on Dec. 6, the Department of Fish and Game announced recently.

Department biologists who have been monitoring the Adak fishery closely report an extremely low level of king crab abundance there.

The harvest from the major production stock for this area has fallen far short of the anticipated level and immediate action was required to conserve this resource, a department spokesman said.

Minor king crab stocks in areas adjacent to the major production areas present an impossible management situation. Therefore the entire Adak and Western Aleutian area was closed, the department said.

Department research programs in the area will continue and next year's recommended harvest level will be based on research data and on information obtained from analysis of this year's harvest.