

# **ANB endorses all-American gas line**

The respected Grand Camp, Alaska Native Brotherhood, endorsed the all-American gas line route on March 19. The Grand Camp is the oldest Native organization in the United States, dating back to 1912. The resolution declared "prevailing statistics in employment, cost, labor, and revenue to the State from the El Paso route far exceed Arctic Gas route," and that "Arctic Gas route will trespass upon areas of unsettled Indian Land Claims." It further resolved that the resolution be sent to the President of the United States seeking his approval for the all-American route.

Two other Native groups reaffirmed their support for the trans-Alaska natural gas pipe line and tanker route proposed by El Paso Alaska.

An endorsement by the Association of Village Council Presidents was signed in Bethel by Edward Hoffman Sr., President, and Anna L. Ivan, Secretary. The fifty six village presidents resolved "the construction of an all-Alaska gas

pipe line will provide the greatest benefit to western Alaska." Bethel is the principal community within the Calista corporation. Calista boundaries comprise some 56,000 sq. mi. and an enrollment of almost 13,500 members, most of whom live in southwest Alaska.

Eyak Corporation reaffirmed its support on March 21 for the all-Alaska route to terminate at Gravina Point. Eyak Corporation is the largest group of Chugach Natives Inc. with 323 stockholders. The total region is 15,000 sq. mi. in area, more than half of which is part of the Chugach National Forest. Chugach Natives Inc. has about 2100 stockholders, half of whom live within the boundaries of the region.

Previously, two national American Native organizations, the National Congress of American Indians and the North American Indian Women's Association, submitted their national resolutions for the trans-Alaska route.