



HEAD-HUNTERS SHRINK HERDS

13th Region Kicks In Womb

Seattle Times news writer Stanton Patty says it's beginning to look as if there will be a 13th regional Native corporation, with 5,600-10,000 stockholders and worth up to \$100 million.

"Thirteen may turn out to be a lucky number for thousands of Alaska Natives," wrote Patty, at the start of a lengthy article for the Seattle daily Sept. 16.

Patty says indications indicate a majority of non-resident Alaska Natives voted to form their own regional corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Unlike the 12 regional Native corporations within Alaska, the 13th corporation, if formed, would not share in the land settlement under the act but would get a chunk of the \$962.5 million monetary settlement.

Patty also noted a split between non-resident Natives on the prospect of a 13th region, which would include all areas outside the state, but mainly the Pacific Northwest.

First there is the Washington State chapter of the Alaska Federation of Natives, led by Mrs.

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FRESH START FOR GUY — Guy Okakok, our long-time correspondent, popped up at the office last week with a fresh notebook. He plans to fill that notebook by employing his considerable hunting skills to track down news for the TUNDRA TIMES. For the results of this weeks foray see page 8.

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Meat Crises Mocked By Disregard Of Game Law In Bristol Bay Region

By MARGIE BAUMAN

Perennial problems of head hunters in the Southwestern Alaska bush appear not to be slacking off, even in the face of skyrocketing food costs — much to the disgust of those who hunt to live rather than for trophies.

The highly emotional issue of head hunters — those who kill game simply for trophies — was raised before the Human Resources Committee of the Alaska Federation of Natives Inc. meeting Saturday in Fairbanks.

"Last week down at Ugashik, I saw a plane land half a mile from the village and 'bang, bang, bang' three caribou," said Robert Clark, committee member from Bristol Bay Native Corp. They took some of the game, but not all.

"It's been going on for years," said Clark angrily. "We thought it would be less of a problem this year because of the meat crisis, but it's not."

For Bristol Bay area residents, who found another year of financial disaster in the 1973 fishing season, the issue may be a particularly bitter one.

"If the hunters were from our area alone, we could control it, but most of them are out of Anchorage," said Clark, who recommended at one point that all village residents in the Bristol Bay region be deputized to help catch the head hunters in the act.

After the lengthy Human Resources Committee meeting,

chaired by Tanana Chiefs Conference President Mitch Demientieff, Clark delved further into
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Gravel Fights For Community Harbor Projects

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, is working to rewrite enabling legislation that would allow U.S. Army Corps of Engineers participation for harbor projects at Kotzebue, Nome and Bethel.

The action comes in the aftermath of an extended trip to these areas by Gravel, who chairs the Senate Subcommittee on Water Resources.

"Any project that the corps undertakes has to have a cost-benefit ratio of at least one-to-one to save one dollar for each dollar spent," explained a spokesman for the senator's office. "So a boat harbor in a

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Don Wright 1st To File Against Egan In 1974 Race

JUNEAU — Former Alaska Federation of Natives President Donald R. Wright has become the first person to file as a Democrat opposing Gov. William A. Egan in next year's gubernatorial primary election.

Wright was ousted from the presidency of AFN last autumn and the board of directors elected State Sen. Willie Hensley D-Kotzebue, in his place. At that time, Wright had already announced his candidacy for the State Senate race, an election

which he subsequently lost. It was his second attempt for a State Senate seat from Anchorage.

Later, Wright and his family moved to Kenai, where he served for over six months as director of the Indian Action Training Program and briefly as a board member from that area to the Cook Inlet Regional Corp. board.

Wright is no longer a member of the regional corporation board, said Ralph "Andy"

Johnson, who defeated Wright in an election for corporation president.

The candidate himself has been moose hunting and unavailable for comment, according to his wife, Carol.

'More Doors Are Open Today'

An Expert Discusses Higher Education And His People

By MARGIE BAUMAN

Lou Jacquot's concerns for improved higher education for Alaska Natives range from the need to fill job slots with regional Native corporations to preserving traditional philosophical and political leadership.

In general, there is more going for higher education of Native people in Alaska than elsewhere in the United States, but there is still room for improvement says the energetic director of regional Native affairs for the Center for Northern Education.

Jacquot, a Tlingit Indian who holds a doctorate in education from the University of Oregon, has studied extensively the relationship of Alaska Natives and higher education in this state from 1960-72.

Native leaders today working within and outside of the regional corporations are tapped time and time again for very good jobs, so there is plenty of incentive for education,



DR. LOU JACQUOT

Jacquot told the Tundra Times.

"The oil companies are running all over the place looking for Natives that can do the work, not just token Natives," he said.

These and other job opportunities Jacquot says he was not aware of when he started his dissertation on Alaska Natives and education. "But by the time I was through looking through all the data I accumulated it's unbelievable the way the doors are open today, more so than ever before," he said.

"There is incentive too to go back to the regions, who are crying for college graduates, he said. And the University of Alaska meanwhile is attempting to contact regional people to find out their needs and see what the university can do to help. "The new president (Dr. Robert Hiatt) is wide open to this idea. His door is open and I'll be in there talking to him," Jacquot said.

"What I'm concerned about is long range needs, stretching 20-30-40-100 years. That is how about our philosophers, historians, poets, and writers. Those who can tell the story of

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SAVOONGA & GAMBELL TO VOTE ... Reservation Or Corporation?

NOME — Villagers at Gambell and Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island will be able to choose now between inclusion under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act or reserve status, as verified in the Federal Register Oct. 20.

The U.S. Department of Interior has recognized for about one month now that St. Lawrence Island meets the qualifications of Section 19 (b) of the settlement act, said Alaska Legal Services attorney Bob Bundy.

Section 19 (b) provides that any village corporation or corporation may elect within two years after passage of the act to acquire title to the surface and subsurface estates in any reserve, set aside for use or benefit of its stockholders or members prior

to the state of enactment.

Section 19 (b) further provides that if two or more villages are located on such reserve the election must be made by all of the members or stockholders of the village corporations concerned.

Predictions are that residents of Gambell and Savoonga will vote to keep their land, which had been withdrawn for a reindeer station.

Second Alaska Judicial District Judge Ethan Windahl, then an attorney with Legal Services, argued on behalf of the villagers for their right to choose and Interior officials at length agreed with that argument.

Legal services attorneys Bundy and Mary Hale are plan-

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