

TUNDRA TIMES TO REMAIN IN FAIRBANKS

Stockholders of the Tundra Times voted Monday night to retain the weekly newspaper's headquarters in Fairbanks.

The action was taken after the stockholders failed to ratify

a motion made a few months ago by the board of directors to move the Eskimo, Indian, Aleut paper to Anchorage by May 3.

In effect, the stockholders acted on Rock's recommenda-

tion that the paper remain Fairbanks-based, but with the door left open to a future Anchorage move if such a move emerges as beneficial.

In his president's report to

the annual stockholders meeting at The Switzerland, publisher-editor Howard Rock said the paper will solicit articles from Anchorage written by professional free-lance writers.

The number of directors was reduced from 15 to 11 and the following officers were elected: Rock, president; Chris Anderson, executive vice president (a

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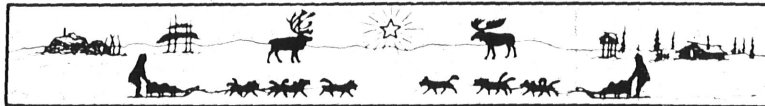
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TCC ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Demientieff's Annual Report

In his annual report to the general membership, outgoing Tanana Chiefs Conference President Mitch Demientieff predicted that the coming years will see the TCC providing national leadership "in the realization of Indian self-determination."

Demientieff noted expanded financial growth during his one-year tenure, from a \$427,075 budget during 1972 to more \$800,000 in 1973.

The organization's staff of four, plus 22 health aides, increased to a staff of 24 full-time employees as well as the health aides.

Demientieff said he lost a lot of sleep in the beginning over the "unstable financial status that loomed threateningly." Only then did he understand why competition for the president's seat was relatively light, he said.

At 21, Demientieff directed a TCC organization having a near million dollar budget. The president pointed to the following accomplishments of his 1973 administration:

Birth of the TCC Health Authority to improve village health service delivery; plans to expand health aides training with a seminar in Fairbanks this week; a more (area) representative board of health; anticipated federal funds for a campaign on preventive alcohol abuse; development of the Tanana Survival School; hiring of a tutor-counselor to work with Native students at Lathrop High School and expected college accreditation for Native workers within the villages; Doyon Ltd., Fairbanks Native Center Community and TCC offices.

Also, a proposal, currently pending in Washington, for creation of a Tanana Chiefs Land Claims College to continue the education of persons with less than a high school education.

Other projects under Demientieff include the Nenana Learning Environment for 35 boarding students who will attend Nenana High School and participate in individualized learning; creation of a natural parent steering committee for the boarding home program to improve communications between foster parents, the school and the students; hiring of Iroquois Research Institute to develop a regional satellite communications network plan; and extension of a grant for Native planning.

During his tenure, Demientieff was appointed to the Alas-

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BREAKING TRAIL — Melvin Charlie was hard at work Monday at his desk in the Tanana Chiefs Conference Office in Fairbanks — his first full day of labor as new president of TCC. Charlie will show the way in 1974 for 43 Interior Native villages.

Poem Points Out Education

A poem written by an unknown Native Alaskan boy back in 1930 was used at last week's Tanana Chiefs Conference Convention to point up the importance of Native education today.

Dr. Lou Jacquot, executive director of the Alaska Native Human Resource Development Project, said the poem shows that the boy was exceptionally gifted "but probably ended up with no more than an eighth grade education."

Titled "The Loon," the poem follows:

"Spirit of wilderness —
Song of Desolation —
Rover of the Deep —
Thy mournful cry I hear.

Through the still air,
When the day is dying
In the Western sky;
Thy monotonous cry
Sounds long and drear.

When dawn streaks the east,
And my dreaming eyes are
scarcely awake,
Still I hear thy cry
Through the murm'ring sky.

Child of the Desolate Lands —
Rover of the Wildest Strands —
Thy cry of distress can dart
Cold chills through the stoutest

heart."

"No one knows what happened to that young man as he grew up, but many of you here at this convention probably have a good idea," said Jacquot. He speculated that the talented boy probably "counts himself lucky if he survived until today without ending up in jail or in a TB ward."

Jacquot said that through education, the waste of what Natives have to offer in all areas of life must cease.

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Mitch Demientieff Unseated by Charlie

By CHARLES MALLEY

Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) emerged from its three-day Fairbanks conference Friday with a brand new administration and renewed dedication to solving problems ahead in 1974-75.

Forty-three member villages from far-flung points in the Interior sent delegates to elect officers, conduct workshops and discuss the issues before the general body of TCC at Travelers Inn.

Melvin Charlie, 30, an Athabaskan from Minto, was elected president in a run-off election with out-going president Mitch Demientieff. Nenana, Charlie promised to visit each village to seek "local input of the people" and to improve communications in all respects.

Demientieff was 20 years old when he took the reins of TCC one year ago. He is viewed by many as a dedicated, imaginative and energetic Native leader.

As the gavel changed hands, Charlie told the 200 in attendance on the convention's final day: "Mitch (Demientieff) is a young man and has a lot of po-

tential. He has helped make TCC as great as it is now, and I hope he continues to work with the Conference."

Charlie was elected to a two-year term and will receive a salary of \$22,000 annually to direct the social service organization. He formerly served as TCC treasurer and executive board member.

Other new officers include Richard Frank, also of Minto, vice president; Pat Sweetser, Galena, treasurer, and 22-year-old Flora Bergman, Allakaket. Frank succeeds Spud Williams who was unsuccessful in a three-candidate bid for the presidency with Charlie and Demientieff.

Sweetser fills the seat vacated by Eddie Bergman Jr., Allakaket. (Continued on page 6)

Sackett Re-elected Doyon Ltd. President

FAIRBANKS — State Sen. John Sackett, riding the crest of a solid stockholder vote of confidence, was re-elected Sunday as president of Doyon Limited.

His election came as the first meeting of the new board of directors of the regional Native corporation of the Interior, hours after Sackett departed by plane for Juneau in preparation for another week of Senate business.

The first annual meeting of Doyon Limited, Saturday at the Travelers Inn at Fairbanks attracted several hundred stockholders who packed the ballroom to hear reports on the corporation's business and financial affairs and to elect a board of directors.

Elected to the board, on a second ballot, were Tim Wallis, Mike Harper, Reva Morrison, Emil Notti, Richard Carroll, Lucy Carlo, Ronnie Sam, Wally Peter, Jimmy Huntington and John Sackett.

Melvin Charlie, Minto, one of the top 10 runners on the first ballot, withdrew before the second vote was cast, because as the new president of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, he will serve as an ex-officio member on the Doyon board.

With the exception of Morrison, who announced her candidacy several weeks ago in an advertisement in Tundra Times, those elected were among the 15 candidates recommended by Doyon's nominating committee and placed on the slate. After Sackett's re-election as president, board members also se-

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TO THE PEOPLE OF THE TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE REGION

The past year has been one of significant progress as Mr. Melvin Charlie begins his two-year term as President of the Tanana Chiefs Conference. I wish him and all of you the best of everything.

I appreciate the opportunity of serving you within the Tanana Chiefs Conference and will be patiently awaiting the chance of serving you further.

Thank you very much.

With Warmest Regards,
TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE
Mitch Demientieff