

Renewal Questioned—

AFN Attorney Contract Questioned

Letter to the Tundra Times:

Because the attorney's contract between Mr. Justice Arthur Goldberg and the AFN terminates on Jan. 15, 1971, the Arctic Slope Native Association restates its long standing policy of seeking out and continuing to employ talent in the cause of the Alaska Natives. That policy has been officially stated as, for example, the recommendation by ASNA to the October 1968 Fairbanks AFN convention when ASNA recommended the employment of national counsel

and national public relations firms.

ASNA has employed Keith Anderson Assoc., Innova Inc., Dr. Guy Gordon of the University of Washington school of Business Administration, and has consulted with the Bureau of Community Development of the University of Washington. ASNA has also negotiated with other agencies for additional talent.

This is the way ASNA looks at Mr. Justice Goldberg and former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark. They are able

lawyers and the Alaska Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts need them. ASNA will watch with interest whether their attorney's contract is extended for 2 additional years as authorized by the contract. But it takes an agreement on the part of both the Federation and its lawyers to extend it. Perhaps the AFN Board of Directors will focus on this problem at its next meeting.

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