Emil Notti Reelected-

To Head ANF for Another Term

FAIRBANKS of directors of the Alaska Native Foundation, meeting recently in Fairbanks, re-elected Emil Notti

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to another term as president.
Serving with Notti will be
Bryon Mallott, commissioner of
Community and Regional Affairs, as first vice president;
Vincent Scheurch of Kiana,
second vice president; Brenda second vice president; Breina Itta of Barrow, secretary; and Anchorage attorney Robert Goldberg, treasurer. The ANF, originally known

as the Charitable Trust and housed in the offices of the Alaska Federation of Natives at Anchorage, gets an annual grant of \$350,000 from the Ford Foundation to assist in imple-menting the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

One of ANF's current projects is devising a model account-ing system, in sections, so that any one section or combination of them may be adapted to the needs of a given regional or village Native corporation.

Ford Foundation Grant

ANF Recipient of \$100,000 Grant

The Ford Foundation has The Ford Foundation has awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Alaska Native Foundation in support of a program for legal and technical assistance in land selections, announced Alaska Senator Ted Stevens from Washington, D.C. recently.

The Alaska Native Foundata

The Alaska Native Foundation will form a Land Division with staff trained in law and with staff trained in law and land use planning who will work closely with the Federal State Land Use Planning Commission to represent the interests of the Native groups.

Stevens said the need for such assistance is very great. He said such assistance by the Ford

"Planning, more than anything, must be done with the upmost care. Varied and expert input will be most helpful to our

people in their difficult tasks," he said.

Stevens said the Land Division staffers would meet regularly with Regional Corporations to identify issues and deadlines and develop priorities and plans for land selection.

The Alaska Native Foundat-

ion plans to design two basic technical assistance packages.

One would be a village land manual containing basic information required to undertake land selection process, including such basics as a summary of recording land uses, preparing legal descriptions, identifying resource values and validating village withdrawals.

The second would be a land resources profile, identifying major land resource values and their importance in the land selection process.

Bush Justice . . .

Coordinating the project will be Stephen Conn, lawyer, and Arthur Hippler, anthropologist, both with Univ. of Alaska In-stitute of Social, Economic and Government Research.

It is an attempt, said Conn, "to have the system work for the people instead of working them over."

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The project is being funded by \$70,000 from the National Science Foundation. The 18month project had the support of the Alaska Supreme Court, including Chief Justice Jay Rabinowitz and the late Chief Justice George Boney, at the time it was presented to the NSF

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Chief Justice Rabinowitz wrote that "The Court has found that past research conducted by Conn and Hippler has offered new insights into the solution of these problems.

"Should the proposal be funded, the court will continue to collaborate with the investion.

to collaborate with the investi-gators so that they may define and test useful procedures that may enhance the quality of rural Alaskan justice."

The plan proposed by Conn and Hippler, both of whom have done extensive studies of bush justice, offers a number of options, but two models likely to be tested are a grand jury in the village and a sentencing council.

The Little Grand Jury" of 12 villagers would have the power to take complaints for violations of state misdemeanors

violations of state misdemeanors or village ordinances.

The group would then conduct an investigation, and certify cases selectively to the magistrate court after a finding that the offense has been committed.

The grand jury could

The grand jury could encourage either a private settlement between the parties in-

volved along lines suggested by the grand jury or could co-operate with the court in de-fining conduct that would erase an arrest if complished. satisfactorily ac-

complished.

The little grand jury would be offered as an alternative to the formal filing of a criminal complaint. It would compensate for an absence of plea bargaining in rural Alaska, where attorneys do not often represent the texts of the state of

the state or village or defendent.
Finally, it would compensate
for the failure of lay magistrates
to reduce charges because of
their lack of training in judicial

to reduce charges because of their lack of training in judicial procedure.

The sentencing advisory council would be called into action after a guilty plea, or more rarely, a trial and finding of guilt, against the defendant.

At the request of the defendant, the sentencing advisory council would sit with the magistrate and in a public hearing discuss the offender's conduct, "in light of his entire role in the village and with an eye toward defining for the magistrate court a punishment that might be an alternative to a jail sentence or fine," suggest Conn and Hippler.

Conn and Hippler.

The goal of punishment would be to better assist the offender back into normal village life.

The council might also serve in supervisory role, if the offender were placed on probation.

This participation by village residents would compensate for the absence of other correctional officers in rural Alaska who prepare presentence reports and supervise conduct of those

and supervise conduct of those found guilty.

The villages to be used as test grounds and the exact procedures to be tested are still being decided upon, however.

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