

Effective Argument for Arctic Borough by Attorneys

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"Barrow is a unique situation, unlike any other area in the United States."

The statement was made by Joseph Rudd, attorney for the seven powerful oil companies seeking to block formation of the controversial North Slope Borough.

It was a rare point on which there was no argument. David Getches, attorney for the Native American Rights Fund, speaking for the Arctic Slope Natives, fully agreed with Rudd that

Barrow is, indeed, unique, not only in the United States, but that it was "a unique case in Alaska."

"The uniqueness is that local government is a very favored

principal in Alaska." Getches asked the court to recognize the importance of that "policy which maximizes local rule, letting them (local governments) be

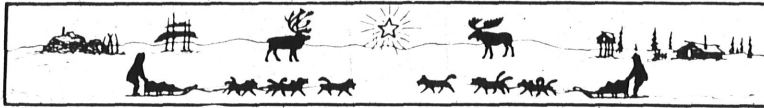
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ROLAND LORD DROWNS IN RACE



WINNER — Tsimpshian-Tlingit Del Hayward of Fairbanks wins the Yukon 800 Marathon Boat Race in which another racer, Roland Lord, lost his life.

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Rough Yukon Waters Claim Life, Tsimpshian Wins Grueling 800

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Bright sunshine and perfect summer weather accompanied the start of the 1972 Yukon 800 Marathon boat race in Fairbanks, Saturday, June 17.

A festive air prevailed as friends and family lined the shore of the Chena River adjacent to the log Chamber of Commerce building and along the banks by the city's two bridges.

The brightly colored official flag waved down and fifteen of the original seventeen boats slated for the race started down the course, some 800 miles of winding inland river from Fairbanks to Galena.

Before the race had ended early Sunday morning, the Yu-

kon river claimed the life of Roland Lord, 38, crew member on the Miss Alaska Too.

It was the first fatality in the twelve year history of the race classic. Lord, a Teamster, resided at 2½ Mile Peger Road and was employed by Sourdough Express. He is survived by his wife Lillian and the couple's

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61,000 Natives Enrolled So Far— Gary Longley Says Roll Could Reach 80,000

By MARGIE BAUMAN
(From Anchorage Daily News)

More than 61,000 Alaska Natives have filed to date for benefits of the Alaska Native

Claims Settlement Act and additional eligible applicants from outside the state are expected to bring the total to 75-80,000.

The figures were released by Gary T. Longley, Sr. who took on the task of coordinating the enrollment office March 22, in cooperation with each of Alaska's 12 Native regions under contract to enroll in their areas.

"In addition to the anticipated minimum of 61,000 applicants in the state, we fully expect to receive 15,000 to 20,000 applicants from the lower 49 and world-wide to bring the total to 75,000 to

80,000 eligible," he said.

"The reason that I say eligible is that the people who have applied for enrollment thus far have for the most part been accepted by the village and the amount of non-Natives applying has been very low to this point," he said.

"Our office is at a lull at the present time and it appears that the calm before the storm has arrived. Enrollment in Alaska is virtually complete, but we will have to continue a mop-up operation between now and March 30, 1973."

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ASNA Regional Corp.

By THOMAS RICHARDS, JR.

Joe Upicksoun, Ed Hopson, Jacob Adams, and Oliver Leavitt of the Arctic Slope Native Association left Barrow on June 16 to press for approval by the Interior Department of their regional corporation in Washington D.C.

Upicksoun, president of ASNA, told the Tundra Times Friday that the Arctic Slope did not view the receipt of \$500,000 authorized upon approval of the region's corporation papers as "carrot" bait for resolving boundary disputes between ASNA, the Northwest Alaska Native Association, and the Tanana Chiefs Conference.

Assistant Interior Secretary Harrison Loesch suggested earlier this month that he was "not above using the money as a carrot" to quickly settle the dispute.

The Congress authorized an advance on land claims revenues of \$500,000 to each region, should incorporation papers receive Interior approval by June 30, the end of the current fiscal year.

"This is only seed money," stated Upicksoun. "It will aid us in forming the regional and village corporations, and will enable us to select teams of experts

oriented toward knowing what land to select."

Upicksoun stated that, in his

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Other Voices—

Execs and Eskimos

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Last Sunday the Anchorage Daily News carried an editorial entitled, "Execs and Eskimos." In the face of the situation on the North Slope, we are in full concurrence with the News and that is the reason we are reprinting the editorial so the readers of the Tundra Times can also share the studied contents of the comment.)

On Tuesday people in Barrow and four other Arctic villages vote to form a sprawling, 56.5 million acre borough over their region, giving them area self-autonomy for the first time as well as responsibility for running their own schools. The election is being held amid legal moves by seven oil companies, attempting to stop formation of the borough.

The situation looks simple on the surface: Oilmen vs. Eskimos. Huge corporate goliaths avoiding taxes by attempting a legal block of self-government by the Arctic Slope people. As usual, the deeper issues are more complicated.

It's an unenviable situation for the companies to be in, to be against local government. The circumstances of the North Slope borough are unusual: 2,800 people in five scattered villages with taxing power over an eventual \$1.5 to \$2 billion in pipeline and oil-production hardware. Yet because of the camp-type nature of the Prudhoe

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Bigjim Records Prominent Natives

Fred Bigjim of the Alaska Federation of Natives is gathering tape recorded material for use in the satellite radio program. The theme of the programs will be "Pride in Heritage."

The series will include such diverse subjects as interviews with prominent Native leaders, Native stories and legends, Native songs and music, and interpretations of dances.

There will also be "how to" recordings: how to skin a seal, how to make a harpoon, how to cook certain Native foods, how to do Native sewing, Native arts and crafts.

Bigjim hopes to include dis-

cussions recorded on site in the villages or Native centers: discussions on village life as compared to city living; discussions on ethnic and cultural differences between, for example, the Eskimo and the Athabaskan way of life, or between the Yupik and the Inupiat.

The tapes will be utilized on 15 to 30 minute radio programs on satellite radio throughout Alaska. He plans to gather about 60 to 80 hours of programming material.

Bigjim asked that any individual or Native group with ideas for material contact him at the AFN, 279-4578, Anchorage.