Kito Asks for Impact Statement from Interior

FAIRBAL S Executive director Sam Kito Jr. of Doyon, Limited has asked the Interior Department to produce an over-all impact statement covering Alaska lands withdrawn by Inte-rior Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton

Proposed methods of determining and implementing what is "good" for Alaska and the nation range from the ludicrous to the sublime, Kito said recent-ly, in response to studies of environmental impact on Interior lands withdrawn for federal management.

Doyon has reviewed in depth all of the draft environmental impact statements relating to the so-called "four-systems" land land so-called "tour-systems rand withdrawals in our region and finds that the corporation can

finds that the corporation can neither fully endorse or reject any of them, Kitó said. "Alaska is changing. The life-style of the Native people is changing, and national priorities are changing," he said. "We view the existing statements as an ex-cellent base for determining cellent base for determining goals and objectives at all lev-

els. "The (draft) environmental impact statements are a first step in that direction," he said. But Kito added that he could

not "imagine a total decision being made on the basis of 28 fragmented studies. We need one environmental impact statement considering the over-all and combined effect of the 28. No one has addressed that question

one has addressed that question as yet. We are asking Interior to do so," he said. In a letter earlier in June to Theodore R. Swem, chair-man of the Alaska Planning Group within the Interior Department, Kito commented on Interior's encouragement of competition between four federal systems to justify why they should manage the lands in question.

"Intentionally or otherwise, each of the 'four systems' was encouraged to compete for and justify, in any way they could, why they should be allowed to manage a given area," Kito said.

"Bureaucratic objectivity is questionable regardless of the stated goals and objectives. As-suming the areas are to be administered as proposed, over 200 million acres of the nation's most valued lands, as well as a high percentage of Alaska's high percentage of Alaska's coastal areas, will be withdrawn

and placed under varying restrictions, of which the total effect has yet to be considered.

We view the proposals as a first step toward needed land use planning; it seems prudent, however, to now consider the over-all impact (social and eco-nomic) to the state and the na-tion as a whole," he said.

Notaaghleedin Limited, Galena Elects Nine Member Board

Stockholders of Notaaghlee-din, Limited at Galena have elected a nine-member board of directors, in the first annual meeting of this Athabascan vil-lage corporation by the banks of the Viden of the Yukon.

Selected for the board at the June 23 meeting were Sidney Huntington, Pat Sweetsir, Max Huhndorf, Carol Lowe, Edgard Nollner Jr., Peter Captain, Flora Sweetsir, Beverly Huhndorf and William Demoski

Pat Sweetsir had served as chairman of the corporation for the period before the first annual meeting. Officers of Notaa-ghleedin, Limited are still to be elected.

Other village corporation election results announced by Doy-on, Limited at Fairbanks are as follows:

Toghotthele Corp. at Nenana - Stockholders have elected to the board Alfred R. Ketzler Sr., the board Alfred R. Ketzler Sr., Mitch A. Demientieff, Henry R. Ketzler Sr., Theodore F. Mon-roe, Violet B. Nusunginya, Phyl-lis M. Adams and William O. Williams. Following the annual meeting May 25, Alfred Ketzler -Sr. was elected president of the board and Demientieff its chairman.

Henry R. Ketzler Sr. is the vice chairman, Monroe, secre tary; Nusunginya, treasurer and Adams and Williams members.

Stockholders of Tanacross Stockholders of Janacross Inc. at Tanacross elected Reggie Denny, Rose Woods, Kenneth Thomas Sr., Kenneth Thomas Jr., Roy Denny, Robert Jona-than, Irene Arnold, Betty Thomas and Roselyn Isaac to the heard

the board. Board members later met and elected Denny president; Ken-ny Thomas Jr. vice president and Rose Woods, secretary-treasurer.

Don Honea Sr. is the new Don Honea Sr. is the new president of the Dineega Corp., the village corporation of Ruby, with Michael A. Sweetsir, vice president, and Harold Esmailka, ecretary-treasurer.

The board results were as follows: One year terms for Martha Barron, Harold Esmailka and Michael Sweetsir; two year terms for John Honea, William McCarty and Florence Es-mailka and three year terms for Merreline Kangas, Donald Honea and Charles Carlo.

At Fort Yukon, the nine At Fort Yukon, the nine board members of the Gwitch-yaazhee Corp. are Hannah Solo-mon, Richard Carroll, Jonathan Solomon, Alaska State Rep. Larry Petersen, Nancy James, Walter "Wally" Peter, Tim Wallis and Addie Shewfelt.

Sen. Thomas Supports Natives

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By MARILYN RICHARDS

"I've always supported Na-tive legislation right down the line," claims State Sen. Lowell Thomas, Jr., Republican candi-date for lieutenant governor.

Thomas is also supporting the Naknek poet's candidacy for governor, Jay Hammond. "We see eye to eye and can work together as a team," Thomas says. Under Hammond, the office

wof the lieutenant governor would be more than the "keeper of the and administrator of elecseal

seal" and administrator of elec-tions, Thomas said. Thomas just wound up a cam-paign tour of Pt. Hope, Noor-vik and Kotzebue. He had co-sponsored a bill which was against the road to the Kobuk Valley, though it never made it out of the committee in the last session

it out of the committee in the last session. The village council of Noorvik told him they favored a local road, from the town to a gravel site 6 1/2 miles away. "That's the type of road I'm for "the same

"That's the type of road I'm for," he says. Thomas also favors a gas line through Alaska. The gas line could be relayed right along the oil pipeline's right of way and use the same road. He feels it would be good in terms of em-ployment and could attract an industry, possibly in the Valdez area, that uses a lot of gas. "I'm behind the idea, not El Paso, he added.

"I wish there was some way we could tax the oil and gas and let the industry go someplace else," he said.

Thomas also backed relief for the devastated Bristol Bay and rehabilitation of those fisheries. "I wish Japan would quit har-vesting with gill nets," he added.

Two years ago he co-sponsor-ed the Uniform Alcoholism Treatment Act which made the ed



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Lowell Thomas, Jr.

arrest for drunk in public not a criminal act. He also supported the Grant in Aid program, of which alcoholism is regarded as a sickness not a crime. Thomas did not reveal his

position on the capital move or did not take sides in the other state and U.S. Senate race. "I'll state and U.S. Senate race. "I'll let the voters decide for them-selves." He favors Republican incumbent for the U.S. House, Don Young, though Willie Hen-sley, the Eskimo Democrat, "is a friend."

Thomas announced he would serve, if elected, with any other Republican governor but prefers Hammond because of his experience in government.

The Anchorage state senator The Anchorage state senator is currently majority leader in the Senate but is giving up a third, election bid to seek the lieutenant governor nomination against a field of five other candidates.

During six of his eight years in the legislature, he was chair-man of the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee and also served on Re-sources, State Affairs, Labor and Management, Community and Regional Affairs, Finance and Rules committees.





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