

Joe Kahklen is Goldbelt's chief executive

Joseph G. Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Goldbelt, Inc., has announced the appointment of Joseph E. Kahklen as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Juneau-based Native Corporation effective February 15, 1980. Goldbelt, Inc. was formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act in 1973.

Kahklen, a 1962 graduate of Northern Arizona University, is presently the Assistant Area Director for Administration for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and has sixteen years of federal service, the last thirteen of them

in the Juneau area. Kahklen has been an active member of the Goldbelt Board of Directors since its inception in 1973. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Sealaska Corporation.

"Goldbelt has been considering a full-time management team for the past several months, however, the Board of Directors has emphasized its desire for shareholders of the corporation to be involved in its management structure and we were fortunate to have someone with the caliber of Mr. Kahklen interested in and capable of taking over this position on a full-time basis," Wilson said. "As a di-

rector, he is totally familiar with the day-to-day operations of the corporation and it will make for a smooth transition in operational management," Wilson added. Wilson, who has been both Chairman and President

since 1974, will remain chairman of the Board, he is presently Director of Human Services for the Tlingit & Haida Central Council on a full-time basis, and also serves as a Director of Sealaska Corporation.

Goldbelt, in September 1979, received interim conveyance to approximately 26,000 acres of land within close proximity to Juneau and is planning to develop its timber beginning sometime this year.