

# Anaktuvuk Pass Head Man Says Village Not Moving

The president of the village council at Anaktuvuk Pass, Bob Ahgook, stated in a letter to the Tundra Times that the people of Anaktuvuk Pass have settled down and are not about to move.

His letter was in response to a story appearing in the Tundra Times on May 13 concerning the fuel situation in the small village

located deep in the Brooks range.

The village now has oil supplies sufficient to carry it through the fall, according to Bureau of Indian Affairs spokesman.

Through arrangements made by the BIA, the village has been receiving fuel free of charge but, after the current supply runs out, must secure funds to pay for fur-

ther supplies, the spokesman said.

If forced to absorb the fuel costs in their individual budgets, the villagers will be able to do so only with difficulty. About four years ago the village considered moving to another location where fuel would be more easily obtained.

"The village has become a corporation and is now working with the BIA about the fuel supply," the president wrote.

"The population of the Anaktuvuk village is now one-hundred and twelve (112) and have settled down and they're not about to move. They are here to stay."

The story stated that the population of the village was about 80. Also, the president wrote, "our weather don't come to 50 degrees below zero. Coldest we got this year is 42 degrees below zero for only a few days But we

always have a lot of wind."

The paper stated that the vil-

lage has minus 40 and 50 degree temperatures in the winte.