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AFN moves toward reorganization

Mallott is next AFN president

Byron Mallott will be the new president of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

The AFN Board of Directors, meeting for two days in Anchorage last week, voted unanimously to hire Mallott, who was the only person who actively sought the post. He will succeed Sam Kito, February 1.

Although the possibility of a dispute with the non-profit Native corporations loomed in the background of the board meeting, Mallott was confident that conflicts within AFN could be settled (see related story).

"I really feel good about taking this job," he said.

Speaking to the Tundra Times shortly after the board action, Mallott said an obligation to Native people and an intensive interest in AFN were the main reasons he applied for the job of AFN president.

Mallott helped draft the first articles of incorporation and by-laws of AFN in 1966 and served on its first board of directors.

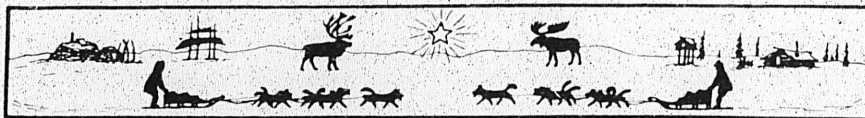
Mallott said he was aware of a growing movement to restructure AFN, but suggested the "the issues that unite are much more significant and far-reaching than those that can divide." On this basis AFN will survive he said.

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Legal Services funded

Loyette Goodell, Executive director of Alaska Legal Services announced that the Lilly Endowment, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana has approved a grant in the amount of \$66,800 to the Alaska Legal Services Corporation. The grant year is April, 1977 through March, 1978. The purpose of the grant is for support of the Alaska Native Law Unit to assist Alaska Legal Services bush law offices deliver legal assistance to people of rural Alaska.

The office of Senator Mike Gravel assisted in the development of the project. This project continues the commitment of Lilly Endowment to the problems of rural Native Alaskans. Project director is Don Mitchell, an attorney who has worked for the past 2 years in Bethel ALSC office.



the woman with the forty-four million acre face

NATIVE RIGHTS PUBLICITY—This is one of the posters used by the Alaska Federation of Natives to gain public support for the land claims battle. Pictured is Martha Camille, from the Bethel region. The fight for a land claims settlement actually pre-dates the formation of the Alaska Federation of Natives by several years. The struggle became a statewide effort in October, 1966, when AFN held its first convention. This week, Tundra Times salutes the signing of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act on December 18, 1971.

Anderson announces draft of coastal zone legislation

Rep. Nels A. Anderson, Jr., D-Dillingham, announces that a draft legislative bill has been sent to all coastal local governments and regional corporations for review. The bill represents the product of an interim committee on coastal zone management, House Concurrent Resolution 123, which was created during the last session to "review all public testimony submitted to the legislature and administration on the subject of Alaska coastal zone management to coordinate further public procedures as considered necessary; and to coordinate activities lead-

ing to the development of a sound coastal zone management program during the First Session of the Tenth Legislature."

Committee members are: Rep. Nels Anderson, D-Dillingham; Rep. Sam Cotten, D-Eagle River; Don Harris, Commissioner of Public Works; Bob LaResche, Director of Policy Development and Planning; Guy Martin, Commissioner of Natural Resources; Lee McAnerney, Commissioner of Community and Regional Affairs; Senator Kay Poland, D-Kodiak; Senator Clem Tillion, R-Halibut Cove. These committee members have

People vs. profits at core of issue

By Jeffrey R. Richardson
Staff Writer

Tension between profit and non-profit Native Corporations, which has been growing in the past year, came quietly but dramatically into the open last week. At a joint meeting of the AFN Board of Directors and the AFN Human Resources Committee, the committee members asked that AFN be reorganized to include non profit corporations.

The meeting, requested by the Human Resources Committee was friendly but serious.

Views expressed by committee members reflected a growing feeling that the AFN Board, because its members are from the twelve profit-making regional corporations, has neglected the social needs of Alaska Natives.

The Human Resources Committee is composed of representatives from the non-profit regional corporations, who manage social services programs for Natives.

Committee members made it clear that they were not trying to destroy AFN but make it stronger. Ray Paddock, of Yupikpak Biste, Inc. (Bethel) said AFN has "the ability to do more on behalf of our people than any other body in the state."

Paddock pointed out that of the scores of resolutions passed at the AFN convention in October, only a few dealt with profit corporation problems, while most dealt with alcoholism, law enforcement, health care and other social

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Indian leaders meet with Carter

NTCA President Wendell Chino and Roger A. Jourdain, Chairman of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians and a group of other Indian leaders met recently with President-elect Jimmy Carter in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In a statement on American Indians President-elect Carter

stated, "as part of my plans to reorganize government, I intend a complete review of all Federal programs designed for Indian people, to be conducted with the full participation of elected leaders from Indian tribes...I will review and revise as necessary, the Federal laws relating to American Indians, and the functions and purposes of the Bureau of Indian Affairs... Finally, I will not take unilateral action on any issues regarding Indian affairs; or Indian programs, without full consultation with elected tribal representatives..."

Other NTCA members in attendance at the Carter meeting included Peter MacDonald, Chairman, Navajo Tribal Council; Odric Baker, Chairman, Lac Courte Oreilles Governing Board; Anthony Dennen, Chairman, Colorado River Tribal Council.

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The Tundra Times has learned that an Eskimo peeping-Tom remains at large after numerous incidents reported to Alaska State Troopers. The man has been identified by various sources as Tom Took-a-look.

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