

Tardy Regional Groups Will Not Get Interim Funding

By RICHARD La COURSE

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (AIPA) — Three of Alaska's twelve Native regional corporations formally incorporated under

the settlement terms of the 1972 Alaska Native Claims Act here June 2.

In sequence of incorporation at the Interior Department were the Calista Corporation of

Southwest Alaska, the Northwest Area Native Association, and Cook Inlet Region Corporation of Southcentral Alaska.

The three regional corporations which represent over 1/3

of the 65,000 Native Alaskans immediately qualified for interim funding of amounts totaling \$500,000 for use to repay loans and other obligations related to the claims settlement, for pur-

poses of organizing, and to identify regional lands under the December Settlement Act.

Calista incorporators were Phillip Guy of Kwethluk; Fred

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RACISM STIRS IN KOTZEBUE

Remark May Have Been Blown Out of Proportion

By LAEL MORGAN

"It's not a true statement," Bobby Schaeffer, Kotzebue's Eskimo mayor said firmly. "That isn't what was said."

The statement in question was one of many making the rounds as word spread among Caucasians in the bush that Kotzebue is a good place to avoid these days.

"At least one white businessman is carrying a gun in his car," reported a bush traveler recently to teachers in an outlying village. (He admittedly had the story second-hand.) "They say the whites are going to be treated there 'just like the Niggers in Alabama.' Said it right in a public meeting!"

This is the statement that Bobby Schaeffer denies was ever made.

There's no denying, however, that the subject of inter-racial relations is a tender one in Schaeffer's area — perhaps more so than any other place in the state. There is considerable unrest among both Natives and whites and the local newspaper reflects it.

Recently Kotzebue had an election upset that gave the town its first Native mayor and put

three progressive, young Eskimos on the city council.

"The whites had always been in control," Schaeffer observed. "They had the formal education and the business training. In the past it's just that Native people never got involved in any political game. They just wanted to hunt and fish."

"Well, four of us younger people wanted to try and get something up. We didn't talk to anybody. Didn't campaign. Just ran..."

They got the majority vote, but the old guard protested, threw out the ballot and held a second election.

"This time we got an even bigger majority," Schaeffer smiled. The parallel between Kotzebue and Alabama came up when the Natives protested issuance of a liquor license to a white-owned club.

"We felt they (the white club owners) did not have a straight record," Schaeffer explained. "And it was mentioned that, with the Native Land Claims settlement, we're going to have to invest our money in order to make it work if a share is going to be worth anything in 20 years. The Native and village corporations are going to need businesses to get into..."

"The white people got up

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — Present at ceremonies at the approval of the first three regional corporations established under the Native Claims Settlement Act by the Department of the Interior were — L to R: Harrison Loesch, Assistant Secretary of Interior; Alaska's Senator Ted Stevens; Elizabeth Beans, front; Dave Dickson, rear; William Tyson; Fred Notti; Robert Nick; Phillip. Guy. The three regional corporations

represent over one-third of the Natives in Alaska. They are NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. — Northwest Alaska Native Association (Kotzebue); Calista Corporation — Association of Village Council Presidents (southwest coast, all villages in the Bethel area, including all villages on the lower Yukon River and the Lower Kuskokwim River); and Cook Inlet Region, Inc. — Cook Inlet Association (Kenai, Tyonek, Eklutna, Iliamna).

Traditional Foes Eskimo Olympics July 27-29— Galena, Kotzebue Tom Drake Olympics Chairman; New Games Added Play a Game

By LAEL MORGAN

GALENA — Indians and Eskimos — avowed enemies through the centuries of fierce warfare — battled once again this weekend. The two-day contest resulted in a draw and casualties were light on both sides, but the Eskimos of Kotzebue and Indians of Galena are well pleased with the results.

It was the first serious softball competition either group had ever entered and it is hoped a new bush league may result from it.

The match materialized through the efforts of the Galena Sports' Association, a strong village club which developed two good ball teams this spring.

John Evans, a Galena Indian who has lived in Kotzebue since 1964, suggested the Eskimos take on the Indians and Kotze-

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FAIRBANKS — The board of directors of the Tundra Times has chosen Tom Drake as the 1972 chairman of the World Eskimo Olympics. Drake is the superintendent of the Northern Correctional Institution, the state jail, here in Fairbanks.

Drake is of Eskimo extraction and he was born at Nome. Charlie Moses, Alaska Federation of Natives education division worker for the interior, will be the co-chairman of the Olympics.

The 1972 Eskimo Olympics promises to be even more colorful because new and exciting native games will be added to the already crowd pleasing events. The dates for the three-day native spectacle have been set for July 27-28-29.

One of the new events will be a fish cutting contest under the direction of Mabel Peterson, former Barrow resident.

One of the new games will be "Drop the Bomb" or an Airplane Game. Four men take hold of a contestant by his

feet and hands. The contestant is supposed to stay rigid as the four men lifted him spread eagled.

The four men then begin to walk with him to see how long

he could stay rigid. When he could no longer stay rigid the contestant's body collapses or drops the bomb.

Another new game will be

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Northern Games Invites TT Board—

Wien 737 Jet Chartered But We Need More Passengers

The Northern Games officials at Inuvik, N.W.T., have invited the board of directors of the Tundra Times and its staff to attend the Northern Games performances at Inuvik on July 14-16.

A Wien Consolidated Airlines charter (Boeing 737) has been lined up for the trip and the plane carries 113 passengers. That's a lot more seats than the Tundra Times board and friends will be able to fill.

The newspaper is making an appeal to fill the rest of the 737 seats and the roundtrip ticket to Inuvik will be a reason-

able \$65 and it will be handled on a first-come-first-get basis.

Western Travel Service, Inc. will be handling the reservations and the agency telephone number is 452-1127.

The Northern Games is similar to the Tundra Times' World Eskimo Olympics with a Canadian native flavor.

Greenland Eskimos are expected to take part in the Northwest Territory games. The Eskimo Olympics is in the process of making arrangements so that the Greenlanders can come to the Eskimo Olympics in Fairbanks on July 27-29.

Due to the peak of tourist season, the charter schedules will not be the choicest. The charter will leave Fairbanks July 14 at 9:00 p.m. and arrive in Inuvik at midnight Northwest Territory time.

The charter trip back from Inuvik to Fairbanks will be at midnight on July 16 and arrive at midnight in Fairbanks.

Accommodations for the charter passengers will be handled by the Northern Games officials at Inuvik.

Don't miss the chance to see the Canadian Arctic and the colorful native Northern Games.