

Don Wright Sues Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc.

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(Courtesy of Anchorage Daily News)
ANCHORAGE — Suit was filed in the Alaska Superior Court in Anchorage Monday to

invalidate the convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. set for Oct. 26-28 at Anchorage.

Donald Wright, deposed leader of the AFN, Inc. asked in the

suit that the court at once invalidate the October dates set by the board of directors of the statewide organization and reinstate the Dec. 14-18 meeting at Wildwood that Wright had

called.

Wright charged that what he called "self-elected" leaders of AFN, Inc. had willfully and forcefully removed him from office, in effect locked him out.

He also called for "an open convention" at Wildwood as the only way to set straight AFN's financial difficulties.

The organization is in debt
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A BIT OF BACH IN THE BUSH — Flutist Donna Stewart of the Arctic Chamber Orchestra performs a classical Bach flute solo to a capacity crowd at a bush concert in the village of Hughes.

The twenty-four member orchestra recently completed a statewide tour, of which they said, "Hughes was the high point."
— Photo by JAMES KOWALSKY

24-Member Arctic Chamber Orchestra Tours Bush

HUGHES — The climax of the third Alaska Tour of the Arctic Chamber Orchestra was a performance given October 1 in the remote village of Hughes in interior Alaska.

A chartered C-46 set down

Zsa Zsa Left TT With No Time

Actor Marlon Brando is NOT going to be the speaker at the Tundra Times Banquet but he IS calling his friend Candice Bergen to see if she can.

Zsa Zsa Gabor, flighty as always, delayed answering Editor Rock's invitation to speak until the last minute, leaving Tundra Times in a last minute rush to find a speaker. Zsa Zsa will be in London.

The tenth anniversary of the Tundra Times will be celebrated at two banquets. The first held in the Ballroom of Wood Center at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, October 20.

On the following day, the moveable feast will be given in Anchorage in the Ballroom of the Anchorage-Westward Hotel.

Both banquets will commence at 8:00 p.m., preceded by a no-host cocktail hour at 7:00 p.m.

Master of ceremonies on both occasions will be entertaining

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in the ruggedly beautiful terrain, cutting its engine on the short runway of the small Native village, about 50 miles south of the Arctic Circle. The cargo — twenty-four members of the chamber group of the University of Alaska Music Department and the University-Fairbanks Symphony Association.

With a fresh blanket of snow covering the area, many villagers came out to welcome the orchestra, on the last leg of their 2500 mile tour. The itinerary included Palmer, Anchorage, Seward, Kenai, Homer, Kodiak, and Fairbanks.

Village schoolteachers Ray and Barbara Bane played a large role in arranging a concert in a village of slightly less than a

hundred people. Now they led the disembarked musicians, with their black cases of many shapes, to the school building where the concert would take place in the afternoon.

As violinists, cellists, and
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Air Freight and Air Passenger Service Vital Lifeline to Villages

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Air-dependence is a term used to describe countless communities in Alaska which are totally dependent on air transportation. Air freight and air passenger service are a vital lifeline and often the ONLY lifeline to many remote villages.

Recent rulings of the Civil Aeronautics Board on the Unalakleet-Nome-Kotzebue routes are being challenged by Alaska Airlines, several of the major cities involved, including Nome and Fairbanks, and possibly by several of the Native regional corporations.

The CAB ruled last week to suspend Alaska Airlines service and grant Wien Consolidated sole rights to that portion of the routes.

Alaska Airlines, the largest single employer in the city of Nome (85 seasonal employees) and owning four facilities valued at nearly a million dollars has petitioned the court to remand last week's decision and to update the record to the traffic patterns that exist today.

Much of the data used as evidence in the case was gathered in hearings going back as much as three years, said an Alaska Airline spokesman.

At that time, Native regional

corporations were not in existence, and many communities were unaware of the impact the hearings would have on their economy.

Robert Giersdorf, senior vice-president of Alaska Airlines, said in Fairbanks that "It is essential that Native associations participate."

"I don't think," said Giersdorf said, "that some of the communities are going to be heard. Nome and Kotzebue need help in being heard. This community (Fairbanks) and all communities should get very involved in the bush hearings."

NANA and Bering Straits Native Association have both petitioned for permission to intervene in the case. At present, only original parties to the action are permitted to give testimony and present evidence.

Giersdorf did not ask the Fairbanks parties to support Alaska Airlines specifically but

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Sees Generation of Orphans--

Sending Native Children Away to School Deplored

At 30, Woody Morrison looks back on a "generation of orphans" whose lives were twisted in pursuit of education and vows to help a new generation growing up in the Alaska bush.

"We Natives of my generation became orphaned at the age of 13; separated from our parents because we had to go away to school and so, in reality, we grew up as orphans," Morrison

said.

As statewide project director for Alaska Student Higher Education Services, administered by the Alaska Federation of Natives Inc., Morrison feels that he can help neutralize the culture shock and simultaneously boost the educational opportunities of Native students outside their traditional village environment.

Under a \$497,874 grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Morrison writes contracts, negotiates with three Alaskan colleges and monitors a trio of programs called Talent Search, Upward Bound and Special Services.

Talent Search contracts go to non-profit agencies or institutions of higher learning to identify youth of financial or cultural need with exceptional potential

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Loss of Title IV Funds to Hit Minorities: RightsComm.

ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Human Rights Commission expressed concern over the reduction in the State's workforce that may come as a result of the cutback due to loss of Title IV funding.

The Commission said that in instances such as this, the minorities and women are usually the first to get laid off the job, and that agency personnel would closely observe any lay-off that would occur should Title IV funding be lost.

Approximately 2,000 jobs are expected to be affected in the event that efforts to restore the revenue-sharing program fail. A state delegation is now in Washington, D.C. working on the problem.

In a release from the Commission's Anchorage Headquarters, concern was expressed over the programs also being cut.

"It appears again that the programs most vital to minorities and disadvantaged whites are be-

ing most affected whenever the (federal) government begins drawing back on expenditures."

The Rights Commission also released the state workforce figures for the month of August. Of a total of 10,259 state employees, 1,141 are Alaska Natives; 238 Blacks; 64 Orientals and 36 are Spanish-surnamed Americans.

The agency fears that many of the 2000 lost positions may be minorities and women.