Slope Borough Petition Submitted to Local Affairs

communities have signed a pe tition to the State Local Affairs requesting incorporation Agency requesting incorporation of a first class borough on the

Inupiat Paitot People's Heritage

Den Nena Henash Our Land Speaks Unanguq Tunuktauq The Alcuts Speak

North Slope, according to Agency head Byron Mallott.

The petition, which asks all the powers of a first-class borough for the villages north of the Brooks Range, was submit-

ted to the Local Affairs Agency by the Arctic Slope Native Asso-ciation and signed by ASNA President Joseph Upicksoun. The Local Affairs Agency, which is presently reviewing the peti-

tion, received it on April 6.
According to their petition, residents of the North Slope request formation of a first class incorporated borough, centered in Barrow. It would include

"all land north of 68 degrees north from the State's wester-most boundary to 146 degrees west longitude, north along 146 degrees west longitude to 68 de-

Cundra Cimes

Ut kah neek Informing and Reporting

Vol. 8, No. 27

Wednesday, April 14, 1971

Fairbanks, Alaska

AS. EDWARDSON LA

Administration **Land Claims Bill**

By THOMAS RICHARDS, JR. Washington Correspondent WASHINGTON, D.C. - The

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The bill proposed by the Nixon Administration for settlement of the Alaska Native land claims is expected to be introduced before the Senate on April 19, the same date scheduled by Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee Chairman Henry Jackson (Dem. Wash.) for hearings on Native claims. ings on Native claims.

The Administration proposal,

The Administration proposal, which was announced April 6 by President' Nixon in a special message to Congress subsequent to his meeting with Alaska Federation of Natives' President Don Wright, provides for a land settlement of 40 million acres in fee simple title and an eventual, each settlement of one billion settlement of one billion dollars.

Each village would be enabled to initially select one township, six miles square, on which it is located. Within one year, the village could select from adjacent land an area equal to a townships.

3 townships.

The bill does not allow villages to select lands which have already been tentatively ap-proved or patented, or which are considered to be oil bearing lands, or from designated wild-(Continued on page 6)

AFN Board, Others Named to Rural Affairs Commission

The Governor's office today announced the names of 48 appointments to the State Rural Affairs Commission, according Affairs Commission, according to Eben Hopson, special assistant to Governor Egan.

The appointments, which are for one, two and three year terms, include all of the mem-bers of the Alaska Federation of Natives Board of Directors plus several other Alaskan native lead-

ers.

The first meeting of the new

Commission has Rural Affairs Commission has been called for April 19. The purpose of the April meeting, according to Hopson, is so that according to Hopson, is so that Governor Egan and other State officials can confer with native leadership before finalizing their testimony for the House of Representatives Interior Committee land claims hearings. The House hearings are presently scheduled to begin on May 3.

In December, Governor Egan also conferred with native leader-

also conferred with native leader-

(Continued on page 6)



COLLEGE-Miss Shirley Thomas, 19, freshman at the University of Alaska, is this year's recipi-ent of a Yuko Kwim leadership award; the book "I Dare You", by William H. Danforth. It was awarded to Shirley with the challenge to: "Aspire nobly. Adventure daringly, and Serve humbly". Shirley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas of Fort Yukon. The award was presented by Virgil Severns, District Agricultural Agent, Cooperative Extension Service, who noted that "the award is a recognition of Shirley's lead-ership abilities in 4-H club activities with younger members." Mrs. Alevene Lantz is the adult 4-H organizational leader for the Ft. Yukon club.

AFN's Different Method Of Lobbying Cited by **Outspoken ASNA Man**

With results of this year's Alaska Federation of Natives lobbying effort in Washington, D.C. increasingly evident in Congress, regional native leaders are rallying in support of the AFN President.

Among the surprisingly outspoken supporters of AFN

President Don Wright this month are the president and executive director of the Arctic Slope Native Association, a group which has often been at odds with the

Federation leadership.
In recent weeks, both Joseph Upicksoun and Charles Edwardsen, Jr. have made special efforts

sen. Jr. have made special efforts to publicly express their appreciation and admiration for the way Wright has spearheaded the land claims effort in Washington. "1971 has seen a different method of lobbying by the Federation in Washington, D.C. explained executive director Educated in a latest this week to wardsen in a letter this week to the Tundra Times. "The directhe Tundra limes. "The direc-tion that the Federation is giving individual board members in trooping around the halls of Capitol Hill is orderly, effective and widespread.

"Never before has the Federation provided the leadership of having a command post and giving the individual Board members direction on whom to call on and the need to do it. An indication of the new strength of the Federation can be found in the fact that President Don

Wright met with the President."
"The Arctic Slope Native Association believes that there is sociation believes that there is a momentum gathering of in-creasing speed in achieving a-solution to the settlement of native land rights," he wrote to editor Howard Roek. "We have much work to do." much work to do.

"The Arctic Slope Native Association wants express its ppreciation to the Alaska Federation of Natives, Edwardsen wrote, "for the strong fight the Federation has made the last two or three months. When the two or three months. When the AFN Board met with members of the Vice-President's staff in Kansas City, a real impact was made to the sincerity of the natives and the need for the Vice President to intercede on our helalf."

Vice President to intercede on our behalf."

The second most important event in this fight, Edwardsen added, was the confrontation between Congressman Begich and the AFN Board in Washington, D.C.

"There again," he says, "the

Board made a positive impression of the seriousness of their movement and their desire that the

(Continued on page 6)

Seattle Times Columnist Patty Writes About Joe Upicksoun

"You have to look deep into the heart of a man like Joe Upicksoun to understand the quiet anger of Alaska's Eskimos in the stormy course of the native land claims dispute," wrote Seattle Times columnist Stanton H. Patty about the Pres-ident of the Arctic Slope Native Association. "Upicksoun is des-

In an incisive analysis of the

ASNA leader and the people he represents, Patty profiles the Alaskan Eskimo leaders who fear their people will be swallowed up in the Anglo culture and in

up - in the Anglo culture and in the larger group of Alaska's main-ly non-Eskimo people. "The very survival of his peo-ple and their culture is at stake lnevitably, oil is going to change the whole face of Alaska. It is happening already. A just settle-

ment of the land claims is the Eskimos' only chance for the future," Patty wrote.

"But really to work, that settlement must have built in machinery for the self-determination of each native group, Upicksoun believes. Otherwise, only sorrow and friction can result."

"My people are determined (Continued on page 6)

Famed Prophetess to Keynote—

Gravel to Accompany Jeane Dixon to Banquet

Alaska's Senator Mike Gravel Alaska's Senator Mike Gravel will be accompanying Jeane Dixon when she travels from Washington, D.C. to be the keynote speaker at the Tundra Times 9th anniversary banquet on October 9, in Fairbanks.

Senator Gravel also requested the board of directors of the Tundra Times that he introduce Mrs. Dixon to the banquet audience prior to her keynote ad-dress. The board approved Gra-

vel's request at its recent meeting.

The site of the banquet has not yet been picked but this should be decided next month or soon thereafter.

About 200 pounds of boned reindeer meat has been lined up with Thomas Johnson of the Northwest Reindeer Processing Co. of Nome. Efforts are being made to procure king crab meat and salmon to round out the banquet menu.

Governor William A. Egan has

been invited.

"It is, however, almost impossible for me to give you a commitment so far in advance," Egan wrote.

He requested that Tundra Times contact him at a later time. He, however, in a hand written postscript in his letter

"You know I'll be there unless something unforeseen prevents it."

The entrance fees to the ban-quet will be \$25 per couple and \$15 single. Dress for the occa-sion will be semi formal.

There will be a no-host cock-tail hour beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the banquet will begin at 8:00 p.m.