

# Turmoil Dots AFN Convention, Tempers Quiet Down

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It lasted three days, exploding on the last afternoon in a swirl of charges and countercharges. Village representatives

were upset. Land claims this... What do we get? Or, most important, what will our people lose?

As the sixth Annual convention of the Alaska Federation of

Natives ended in Fairbanks Sunday, AFN delegates came to grips with the growing closeness of a final land claims settlement and what it will mean.

They voted their support of

President Don Wright's management of the land claims lobby in Congress—and voted to recess until a land claims bill is passed by the House and Senate.

Wright brought to the con-

vention, along with a request for its mandate, a promise from President Nixon to veto any land claims bill that does not satisfy the native people.

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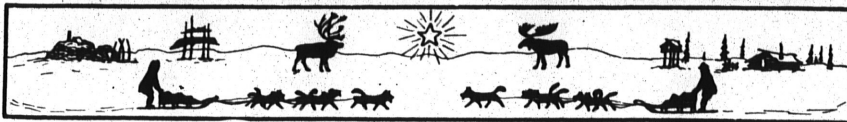
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# TT BANQUET GREAT SUCCESS



COFFEE WITH THE GOVERNOR—Governor William A. Egan is trying to discourage Rocky from drinking too much of his coffee. Governor and Mrs. Egan were obviously amused by the antics of the five week old malemute puppy,

presented to Mrs. Jeane Dixon as a gift of the Husky Corporation of Anchorage during the ninth annual Tundra Times banquet. Rocky was named after Tundra Times editor Howard Rock by Mrs. Dixon.

## Dubbed 'Fock' Festival Tundra Times Annual Feast Sparks Season

By MADELYN SHULMAN

As Rock festivals go, it was a great success. Tickets were sold out and going at scalpers prices four days in advance. Despite the overflow crowds, nobody called the police and the merriment carried on at other locations till the wee (or not so wee) hours of the morning.

In short, Howard Rock's Ninth Annual Tundra Times Banquet was a great success.

"It's a lot different from the first TUNDRA TIMES banquet I attended," quipped Senator Mike Gravel as he surveyed the elegant new Travelers Inn banquet room filled with more than 600 merry-makers.

Ex TUNDRA TIMES secretary Sally Smith flew to Fairbanks from her Juneau home to attend the banquet this year.

"I had such a good time last year," she said. "I couldn't see missing this for anything."

The elegance of the setting and the huge turnout was one sign of the importance today of native politics, commented Gravel.

The setting was elegant, the decorations beautiful and the entertainment witty and diverting.

Featured speaker Jeane Dixon was thrilled by Alaska, Alaskans and the whole proceeding. In a Monday morning phone conversation with editor Howard Rock, she voiced her desire to perhaps buy some land in Alaska for a vacation home. She

was also temporarily missing her newly acquired five week old white malemute puppy "Rocky" (after Howard Rock, of course) a gift from the Husky Corporation. His plane to Los Angeles missed a connection.

This personality filled puppy, which was winningly presented by Miss Eskimo Olympics Mary Keller is the direct descendant of the well known Alaskan canine movie star—"Mikki-Wild Dog of the North".

Jim Thomas, the newly established Indian Public Relations magnate kept the crowd in stitches with his witty Master of Ceremonies patter. In his own affable manner, he introduced Alaska Congressman Nick Begich as a man who wishes he had the office space Mike Gravel has—a well recognized repeat of Begich's problems with being the state's only Congressman.

For the occasion, Eskimo singer John Angaiak composed a song. He sang in Eskimo and English, breaking the monotony of politicians speeches.

One highlight of the evening, (Continued on Page 6)

## Space Communications Save Lives—

### Satellite Pinpoints Two Native Women in Bush

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The lives of two native women were saved by the alert use of the communications satellite system serving remote villages in Alaska. The twenty-six villages served by the system are without other reliable communications. The system had been initially conceived by Alaska's United States Senator Mike Gravel a year ago and was instituted through his efforts in the Senate and in working with various governmental agencies.

During the evening of September 30, an Eskimo woman living at Anaktuvuk Pass was stricken with acute appendicitis. At about the same time, a pregnant Indian woman at Chalkyitsik entered labor prematurely and began hemorrhaging. Both villages, located north of the Arctic Circle, were receiving an educational program from the University of Alaska via the satellite system. This system utilizes receiving stations connected to a special speaker located in the communal building of each village.

A village aide, elected by the villagers, interrupted the transmission in Chalkyitsik with an emergency call for medical advice. A doctor in Anchorage was promptly connected into the system. Meanwhile, natives already listening to the broadcast in the village of Tanana alerted the doctor in the native hospital there.

The doctor in Tanana gave instructions through the satellite system to a former nurse who had been located in Chalkyitsik. The nurse worked with the doctor until a plane could be sent in to rescue the patient.

Officials at the University of

Alaska near Fairbanks were monitoring the emergency transmissions. Aware that the satellite services were scheduled to terminate soon, they telephoned the National Aeronautic and

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## Slope Sues State, Interior— Nine-Page Complaint Talks for 8 Villages

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On Tuesday, October 5, Charles Edwardson, Jr., filed suit in the Washington, D.C. Federal District Court on behalf of the Arctic Slope Native Association and the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope.

The plaintiffs, listed as the ASNA, the Arctic Slope Inupiat Community, the eight villages of the Arctic Slope, and 15 individuals, asked that the tentative approval of state selections granted by the Interior Secretary in the Arctic Slope region be cancelled, that the Interior Secretary be enjoined from granting further tentative approvals, and that the Arctic Slope be given

an accounting of revenues received from the state-selected lands.

"For as far back as anyone knows," the nine-page complaint argues, "the plaintiff Eskimo people have occupied, used and exercised dominion over the entire Arctic Slope region of Alaska."

"This area comprises a well-defined parcel of fifty-six and one-half million acres of land between the summit line of the Brooks Mountain Range and the shore of the Arctic Ocean, from north and south, and from the Canadian Border to Point Hope from east to west."

"Since time immemorial the people of the Arctic Slope Native Association, the Inupiat

Community of the Arctic Slope, and their ancestors, have made their homes on this land and have used it to hunt, fish, trap, and gather food, water and fuel.

"Through a slow period of adaption, they have forged a unique and sophisticated culture peculiarly adapted to the harsh and sparse arctic surroundings. Their use, occupancy, domain and ownership were unchallenged by Russia during her sovereignty over what is now the State of Alaska and have remained uncontested by the people of this country up until the time of the discovery of oil on the Arctic Slope."

"At no time has this land been invaded or conquered and (Continued on page 6)

## Alcoholism Office Moves to New Site

The Fairbanks Office of Alcoholism is now in its new location at the Fairbanks Health Center, 800 Airport Way. Phone Number is 452-5377.

The Office of Alcoholism is providing individual and family counseling, Education and Information to those individuals and groups interested in learning more about alcoholism and referral service to other agencies is being provided.

All services are provided on a nonfee basis.