

ANDERSON CHIDES POLITICOS



FAMOUS COLUMNIST—Jack Anderson, author of the syndicated column the Washington Merry-Go-Round, is smilingly showing off the award he received from the Board of Directors of the Tundra Times, a totemic design executed by John Marks, a design student of Prof. Ron Senungetuk

of the art department of University of Alaska. Anderson was the principal speaker at the Tundra Times 8th anniversary banquet Oct. 3.

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Syndicated Columnist Addresses 500 at Tundra Times Banquet

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Standing at a table loaded with politicians and facing a crowd of about 500 heavily dotted with the politically involved, columnist Jack Anderson struck a blow at campaign tendencies to reduce complex issues to simple, one-line slogans as he spoke at the Tundra Times annual banquet Saturday night.

Author of the syndicated column, the Washington Merry-Go-Round, Anderson stressed that these are difficult and complex times.

The voters need, he added, a deeper discussion of the issues from political candidates.

With his coat unbuttoned and pushed back as he rested his hands on his hips, Anderson said there is a tendency on the part of candidates to reduce complex issues to one-line slogans.

But these slogans won't get rid of poverty and stickers on bumpers won't get rid of crime.

"I think this is something we should understand."

The decisions are dangerous today, he added. "We need at the helm men of calm. We need men of cool. We need voters who understand. What we don't need is intolerance. What we don't need are wild, irresponsible statements."

To demonstrate just how dangerous decisions are today, Anderson gave a blow-by-blow behind the scenes account of the Cuban missile crisis in 1962 and explained the seriousness of the late President Kennedy's decision to place a quarantine on Cuba to stop Russia from sending more missiles there.

There is no problem facing this country that has a simple solution, Anderson said. There is no problem that has an easy answer.

"We are all stockholders in democracy and must be an in-

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Native Leaders at NCIO Meeting

Alaska's native leaders questioned parts of President Nixon's legislative program at a regional meeting sponsored by the National Congress of American Indians (NCIO) in Fairbanks Friday.

The one-day meeting was chaired by Mrs. Laura Bergt, a member of the NCIO, and drew from 20 to 25 native participants.

The NCIO is an eight-member body appointed by the President to act as an advisor to him on Indian Affairs and to co-ordinate, evaluate, and innovate programs for Indians.

The President's legislative program consists of seven bills sent

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North Star III May Try to Reach Barrow

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The North Star III, supply ship of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is reported unloading local supplies at Kivalina, south of Point Hope. Recently there has been much concern as to whether the ship would be able to get up to Barrow before the ice froze in.

Though there have been many reports to the contrary, the BIA asserts that it is optimistic that it will be able to make the trip to Barrow, providing the winds are favorable and blow enough ice away. Two weeks ago the ice looked rather obstinate.

The ship carries supplies for all the native villages along the coast and stops wherever there is a native store. Being the only BIA ship that goes up each year to the northern villages, its arrival is looked forward to with great expectation.

The people of Barrow anticipate a new hotel to be built on to the native co-op and some additional school classrooms among other things.

There have been many varying reports on the whereabouts and possible strategy on how the supplies will ultimately reach Barrow. Guy Okakok, a lifetime resident there, suggested a few weeks ago.

At that time the report was that the ship was in Wainwright. It was his belief that if the

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AFN Board Postpones Action Till Conference

The Board of Directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives postponed a decision Saturday on future land claims efforts until the annual meeting in Anchorage, Oct. 15-17.

Meeting at the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, the 17 board members discussed at length the direction that the organization's lobbying effort should take during the next two months.

A split occurred on a motion by Don Watson of the Cook Inlet Native Association to place a full-time lobbyist in Washington until the land claims question is settled.

On a second count, the motion was narrowly defeated.

The disagreement seemed to arise over what kind of lobbyist the AFN would send. Should he be an employee of the organization? Should he be a board member? Should he be salaried? Will the position be rotated?

Willie Hensley, of Kotzebue explained that he opposed the motion because he thought that such a decision would be premature and that the body should wait 10 days until the annual convention.

Waiting until the middle of October will not make that much difference in the passage of a bill, he added. By that time, he and others said, the group could have before it more facts and could thus more clearly define the kind of lobbying effort it wants to support.

John Borbridge, Jr., first vice president of the AFN, agreed with Hensley. By convention time, he explained, the office could have determined how much various lobbying efforts might cost and how much money is available for such purposes.

The House committee on Interior Affairs and its subcommittee on Indian Affairs, which were considering the land claims ques-

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Tanana Chiefs Conference Reaffirms Stand on 40 Million

The Tanana Chiefs Conference reaffirmed its stand for a "minimum" land settlement of 40 million acres at a meeting Friday in Fairbanks.

A resolution to that effect will be presented to the AFN at its annual convention in Anchorage, Oct. 15-17. The Chiefs Conference originally voiced the position in June at a meeting in Tanana.

In essence, the resolution states that the Senate version of the land claims bill is unacceptable. As recently passed, it provides 10 million acres, \$500 million in cash, and \$500 million in royalty payments to Alaska's natives.

Delegates to the conference expressed the need and desire for more than 10 million acres

and backed the AFN bill as a "minimum settlement" for their land rights.

The AFN bill calls for 40 million acres, a 2 per cent overriding royalty, and a \$500 million cash compensation.

Meeting in the Carpenters' Hall in Fairbanks, the nearly 20 delegates also heard reports from Al Ketzler, president, and Tim Wallis, president of the Fairbanks Native Association, on the status of the land claims bill.

Ketzler and Wallis were in Washington, D.C. with about 10 other native leaders while the land claims issue was under discussion in the House committee on Interior Affairs and its subcommittee on Indian Affairs.

Wallis reported that the committee and the subcommittee re-

cessed without taking any action on land claims.

However, he added that there were some indications that a task force from the subcommittee might be appointed to draw up the basic outlines of a bill during the recess.

If so, then the Congressmen would have something to work with when they return after the November elections, and a bill would have a much better chance of emerging from the House before final adjournment of the 1970 session.

Wallis also reported that the AFN delegation met with Secretary of the Interior, Walter J. Hickel, and discussed what might happen if a bill is not passed this year and the land freeze is

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