

AFN Resolutions Passed at Convention

During the final proceedings of the conference of the Alaska Federation of Natives in Anchorage last month, the delegates from all areas of Alaska passed 24 resolutions.

Signed by the AFN President Emil Notti and co-signed and attested by AFN Secretary Elva Naanes, the following are the pertinent excerpts of the resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS

No. 67-1: That substantial encroachments on the salmon fishery of Alaska have been and are being made by foreign fishermen on the high seas; and many native people of Alaska earn their livelihood from the salmon fishery;

That the United States Department of State exert every effort to halt foreign fishermen from taking salmon on the high seas adjacent to the Alaskan coast.

No. 67-2: That the Alaska Federation of Natives develop a subscription drive and promote the financial improvement of the Tundra Times.

No. 67-3: This resolution is printed in its entirety on the editorial page in today's issue of the Tundra Times.

No. 67-4: That the United States Department of Fish and Wildlife immediately authorize the native people of Nunivak Island to pick the wool of the musk ox and develop jobs and an economy for Nunivak Island.

No. 67-5: Opposing the head tax passed by the special session of the Alaska State Legislature and urges that the tax be repealed by the 1968 session of the legislature.

No. 67-6: Does hereby unanimously request that the Secretary of the Interior speedily qualify under the "Buy Indian Act" any qualified construction company owned by Indian tribes or villages and negotiate with these companies for all contracts to which the companies are entitled under the law.

No. 67-7: Strongly urges that the Alaska delegation in Congress do all in their power to reintroduce the deleted \$1 million appropriation intended for Alaska native housing.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; Hon. Hubert H. Humphrey, vice president; chairman of the Appropriations committees of the Senate and House; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

No. 67-8: That Public Safety to more fully and carefully investigate the need for public safety, prior to its distribution of personnel in the outlying areas of Alaska and more particularly in those areas where full policing responsibility is not yet undertaken by the local residents.

No. 67-9: Offers the services of the Alaska Federation of Natives' Education Committee to the Department of Education to advise the Department on the educational program development for the native people of Alaska.

No. 67-10: Appreciative of the formation of the Rural Affairs Commission, Labor Task Force; that the AFN

urges the serious consideration of the recommendations from the Task Force and requests prompt action to help alleviate unemployment in rural Alaska.

No. 67-11: The State of Alaska wishes to move ahead in the development of the state in those areas now under native claim; such development is also desired by the native people for their own betterment; and such development is feasible if the State of Alaska would cooperate with the native tribal associations by entering into contracts of mutual agreement.

The state is urged to enter into such agreements with the various tribal associations to insure the above aims of the people of Alaska.

No. 67-12: That the Bureau of Indian Affairs use the AFN's Education Committee to advise it in formulating the educational programs for the native people of Alaska.

No. 67-13: Supports all efforts on the part of the village of Fort Yukon to secure a permanent law enforcement officer from the Alaska State Troopers on a permanent basis who could also service nearby villages of Circle, Chalkyitsik, Venetie, Canyon Village, Arctic Village; the Yukon basin; and others.

No. 67-14: Urge that the State of Alaska immediately extend and surface the airports at Dillingham, Bethel, and St. Marys; that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

No. 67-15: Urge that the Office of Economic Opportunity be directed to transfer the OEO programs in the native villages of Alaska to the Indian Division of the OEO and that the organized native associations be responsible for all OEO programs in the villages in their area.

Be it further resolved that the AFN be designated as a steering committee for these projects.

No. 67-16: That the State Legislature of Alaska enact laws to provide that boat and gear licenses be restricted in number within areas according to predicted and anticipated resource availability.

No. 67-17: The Federal Field Committee for Economic Development and Planning in Alaska has issued a report entitled "Alaskan Native and Federal Hire; that the report has found that unemployment among Alaskan natives amounts to a catastrophic 60 per cent; that the report has already resulted in more jobs for the Alaskan natives in federal agencies and military establishments; that a study by the State of Alaska on its hiring practices with regard to the Alaskan native with specific recommendations would result in greater native employment;

That the AFN recommends that the state administration make a survey of its own agencies and make possible changes in hiring practices will enable the state to do its part in lowering the

native employment rate.

No. 67-18: The Congress of the United States has rejected the \$1 million appropriation intended for Alaska Native Housing; that considerable time and effort has been spent in the development of an implementation plan; that the need for this housing is universally recognized as acute; that the State cannot ignore its responsibility in this matter; that a demonstration of faith and need by the State will add immeasurably to the strength of a request for Congressional approval of the \$1 million appropriation;

That the AFN requests that appropriation of \$1 million be made by the Alaska State Legislature to begin implementation of the Alaska Native Housing Program.

No. 67-19: That equal employment opportunity is essential to every native in the State of Alaska;

That a member of Alaska Federation of Natives be appointed to the Equal Rights Employment Committee on all military installations utilizing such committees.

No. 67-20: That native hunters from the areas of the Aleutian and Gulf Coasts should be granted hunting permits to harvest the sea otter and that funds derived therefrom should be utilized for the development of the communities in the Aleutian and Gulf Coasts.

No. 67-21: That funds be made available by the United States Public Health Service to assist the participation of native leaders during the Progress Planning Meeting once a year.

No. 67-23: That the Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the recommendation of the Alaska Federation of Natives that an advisory body of native people be created for each district area office to assist the BIA in formulation of policy and progress implementation.

No. 67-24: That the State of Alaska and the Rural Electrification Administration immediately develop and institute the electrification of every community in Alaska, and particularly those communities in the Lower Kuskokwim and Yukon Valleys.

(Editor's Note: No. 67-22 resolution was apparently inadvertently omitted in the in the compilation of the resolutions.)

Motor Bike Trip

(From Chalkyitsik Newspaper)

Edison Peter arrived from Ft. Yukon earlier this week pioneering a unique method of transportation. Edison came up the winter trail with a motor bike.

He said the going was good, but it was cold traveling on the lakes.

He camped with John and Grafton Stevens for two days at their trapline cabin on the Black River half way between Ft. Yukon and Chalkyitsik.

There is about two inches of snow on the ground and the lakes are frozen to about a foot now, which make for easy going with a motor bike.

The distance from here to Ft. Yukon is about 65 miles via the trail.

Dam Engineers

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methods.

They decided to copy the beaver's method of construction. So the dyke would be built of sticks and mud—probably the largest beaver dam in history!

Work on the first slough began in August, and the dike was completed without too much washing. But, when they started to work on the wider and deeper second slough, the water started to rise.

After the wads of sticks and mud began to wash away, the contractors shut down the job until the water level dropped in October.

Then they put one dozer on each side of the slough and gathered huge piles of trees and mud. When they were ready, the piles were shoved into the main channel.

After three washouts, the contractors finally were able to bridge the gap and stop the flow of water through the dike.

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