

# Nixon Could Veto Land Claims Bill If Not Satisfactory

FAIRBANKS—The President of the United States could well be expected to block a land claims bill that was unfair to Alaskan Natives, Don Wright, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, told the Tanana Chiefs here Sunday.

"He's given us reasonable assurance unless a bill passes that the Native people can live with, he'll veto it and try again next year," Wright said. "It looks like about September we should know."

The predicted power struggle between Minto delegates and Al Ketzler, head of the Tanana

Chiefs, fizzled early in the conference and land became the major topic of discussion.

It began with a talk on land allotments by John Shively, director of the Rural Alaska

Community Action Program. He told the Chiefs his agency got involved because it thought the state was not telling Natives enough about acquiring property

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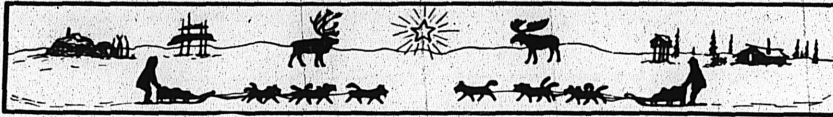
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# TT INTERVIEWS JEANE DIXON

## 'Important Channel'—

### Scholar Labels Bush TT Readers Elite

Tundra Times readers in the bush, you're an elite group according to Gordon Harrison, Ph. D. of the Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research at the University of Alaska.

"Very few urban Alaska newspapers reach rural Natives. These papers are produced by and for a white urban readership and the only news they are likely to contain pertaining to Native affairs is selected and presented with a view to the possible interest of non-rural readers," he wrote in the recently published "Mass Media in Native Villages of Alaska."

"There is, however, one newspaper in the state that has begun to meet some of the communication needs of Alaskan natives. The Tundra Times is a newspaper published weekly in Fairbanks by a Native corporation. Founded in 1961 by an Eskimo, the Tundra Times is one manifestation of the new political awareness that emerged among the state's Native population in the early 1960s. This political consciousness focused on the issue of Native Land claims to wide areas of the state.

"The Tundra Times is closely linked with the Alaska Federation of Natives (although it preceded this organization) ... In

general, this newspaper has become an important channel of elite communication for urban whites and urban Natives. Governmental and quasi-governmental agency people, politicians, interested academicians and Native leaders consider it interesting and important reading."

The study reports village readership of the Tundra Times is not general. "A small portion of rural natives are disposed to read the Tundra Times because there is a generally low disposition to read anything."

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## Banquet Speaker Sees Alaska Natives Will Get Land, Don't Know When

By THOMAS RICHARDS, JR.  
Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mrs. Jeane Dixon is a lady of great vision in the truest sense. Her gift of intense psychic wisdom has given her fame as prophetess-a prognosticator of future events.

Mrs. Dixon has accepted an invitation to speak at the annual Tundra Times banquet in Fairbanks on October 9. Last week, she granted an interview to the Tundra Times.

An interview with Mrs. Dixon must be one the most agonizing assignments any reporter can receive. It is also probably one of most enjoyable meetings anyone

can experience.

The agony materializes when one tries to capture her energy and enthusiasm, and the intense personality through which her love of fellow man is revealed.

Mrs. Irene Rowan, formerly of Haines and now living in the Washington area, accompanied this writer to the Dixon home in Northwest Washington. Mrs. Rowan was given the rare privilege of reading the palm of Jeane Dixon.

With a mixture of amazement and reverence, she remarked that Mrs. Dixon's palm was that of ten lives joined together.

The reference was to the distinctive personal markings people possess in their hands, which some profess can betray character and destiny.

Regardless of such mystical significance, the comment is a fitting reflection on the strength of her character. Jeane Dixon has spirit enough for ten people.

Perhaps her vivacious temperament is most clearly demonstrated when she talks about children.

"Happiness and contentment is what we are all looking for ... Our children bring happiness to us. Humanity of all ages are

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## Bethel Area Bilingual Program Rated Success by Administrator

By LAEL MORGAN  
Staff Writer

BETHEL—S. William Benton, Education Program Administrator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, began his interview with a question.

"What does the Tundra Times have against BIA?"

We haven't run an anti-BIA article for at least a week, we told him. In fact, June 2, we carried a complimentary article

on Wally Craig, Fairbanks director.

"I'm sick and tired of defending policy that was in 15 years ago and is no longer true," Benton snorted. "The Bureau is doing some innovative things."

One of them is the bilingual education program, which is why the interview was requested. Benton was in on the innovation and he's been teaching in the Bush long enough so that he

should know what he's talking about.

"I'd say the program is a tremendous success. The kids are responding unbelievably. One of our chief problems is people bothering us ... wanting to visit the classes. We have to beat them off with a stick!"

The aim of the program is to instruct beginners using their native Eskimo in villages where English is seldom spoken.

"It's not a language revival program," Benton is quick to note. "It's developed to help children cope with their school work. Stop to think what you're asking of a child in an Eskimo village."

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## No Native Girl Staters from Fairbanks

FAIRBANKS—The bush voting bloc at Girls State was a triangle this year. Just three Native representatives were chosen out of 56 statewide delegates, but they managed to hold their own, make a lot of friends and enjoy the session.

Attending the conference at the University of Alaska were Norma Perkins of Sitka, Linda Oxereok of Wales and Ethel Patkotak of Wainwright.

Miss Patkotak, who represented Mt. Edgecumbe, reported a classmate from Barrow was also scheduled to attend but something went wrong with her ticketing and no one's sure where she ended up.

Girls State is a nation wide program planned to show youngsters how government works. A mini-legislature is established and each delegate is given a politician's role to play.

The program is sponsored by American Legion Auxiliaries and

the Native representatives conceded there were very few Legion auxiliaries in rural Alaska to sponsor delegates.

"Still you wonder why Anchorage or Fairbanks didn't send any Native students. A lot of them go to school there on the boarding home program," Miss Patkotak observed.

"It must be some kind of a popularity thing," Linda Oxereok decided.

Karen Perdue, a Fairbanks delegate elected to the U.S. Senate in the mock government, noticed the same problem.

"I was a little bit upset,"

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## Editor Appointed to Interior's Arts and Crafts Board

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times and artist, has been appointed to a four year term as a commissioner on the Indian Arts and Crafts Board of the U. S. Department of Interior. He will serve under the chairmanship of Vincent Price, movie

actor and art collector, who has headed the agency 13 years.

The board was created during the Eisenhower administration under guidance of Roger Ernst, then Under Secretary of Interior. Ernst is now president of the Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc., of New York.

Designed initially to upgrade Indian craft that had been "dying on the vine", the board is viewed by Interior as a "hub of ideas." Its thrust is economic betterment and backers feel it has helped in reawakening Indian cultures.

"It is a conceptual board," Vincent Price explained last week at a meeting in Los Angeles. "One of the main functions is to arrange small grants and award scholarships."

It is not, however, a funding organization.

Newly appointed to the agency with Rock, is Paul Haldeman of Los Angeles. They will serve with Royal Hassrick of Virginia and Lloyd New of New Mexico.

## Alaskans on the Potomac Establishes Wash. Office

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Travelers from the bush to Washington, D.C. will have a place of their own to hang their hats according to a note from Tom Richards, our correspondent there.

"Alaskans on the Potomac have leased an office. We are

moving in the furniture next week and plan to have it open for use by Native leaders and people who come from bush areas into D.C. who need temporary office space," he wrote June 5.

"We won't charge for the

services. Our members are searching for funding now. It seems that much of the funding has dried up but we are hopeful we can get enough money to hire a permanent staff."

The address is 1508 19th Street N.W., Washington, D.C.