



DEFEATED CHALLENGER—Ralph Perdue of Fairbanks made a strong bid to wrest the chief post in the new Tanana Chiefs conference from Al Ketzler last week. Fred Stickman is shown in the background at the meeting.

## Survives Challenge...

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Among its new assets are paneled offices in the new Fairbanks Native Community Center and access to the Center's staff of experts on employment, education, housing and a host of other native concerns.

As the Tanana Chiefs met to consider their problems, foremost among their concerns was land claims. Next came their reorganization—to create a non-profit corporation which will administer money and programs. The corporation, which was approved, will be known as Dena 'Nena' Henash and will include the member villages of the Tanana Chiefs.

Along with the reorganization came a new slate of officers for the newly forming organization. A powerful move developed to replace Al Ketzler as president. Ralph Perdue of Fairbanks made a strong bid for the presidency of the new corporation, which will administer hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of money and programs.

The men of Interior Alaska who met to vote on officers were mostly part of the older generation—many of them imbued in the old ways and tradi-

tions trying valiantly to solve pressing problems of poverty, health, sanitation and housing.

They know Al Ketzler as a vocal, articulate, experienced fighter. He won the presidential post by a vote of 13 to 9. The time has not come when a fighter is no longer needed.

Ketzler himself, and he says it often, is not a bureaucrat. He recognizes that someone else will have to administer the settlement when it comes.

The old ways are swiftly changing. Many young people are tired of giving lip service to the old ways when they see so many new ways to tackle problems. They want to voice. They want leadership.

Near the end of the two day Tanana Chiefs conference Mitchell Dementieff, a young Fairbanks native, addressed the Chiefs to ask for their support for a new youth organization—the Native Youth Movement. He, and the more than 50 young people who are founding the group, want to combine the old and the new—not talk about a return to the 'old ways' of their people. They want to work with their elders—but separately.

Many of the older chiefs protested. How, they insisted, can these young people form their own movements so blithely. Why don't they take part in the native associations, the Tanana Chiefs, the other regional groups?

Native politics is no longer revolutionary. Native youth, brought up in a political age, want to chart their own directions.

Today, the leaders of the Tanana Chiefs, and of other regional organizations, are the respected elders of their villages. Tomorrow, their sons and daughters will demand a voice. They will demand leadership because their parents have sent them to the white man's schools and they understand the complexities of organizational management, power politics and legal maneuvers as their parents often do not.

When that day comes, and it has already begun in the AFN, an epoch will be over. It will leave its bitter memories as well as its proud ones.



SIMULATION AND CARIBOU—A caribou passes under one of the underpasses provided in a simulated pipeline barrier at the Prudhoe Bay oil fields on Alaska's North Slope. Stacked

pipe for a proposed 800-mile crude oil pipeline, and a pipe coating plant, are in the background.

### About Half Wandered Away—

## Caribou React in Varied Manners as They Encounter Simulated Pipeline

ANCHORAGE, September 9—Arctic caribou on their annual migration to Alaska's North Slope got their first glimpse of a

pipeline was erected across sand dunes and tundra at Prudhoe Bay.

Purpose of the field experiment was to determine the reaction of these nomadic animals to simulated sections of pipeline. As would be the case with the real thing—they could cross in three ways—over, under or around to a point where the pipeline would be underground.

The caribou, who seemed to wander by in small groups rather than large herds, took all three alternatives. Some went under, some over and about half just wandered away. Nobody knows where.

Scientists who carried out the test said migrating animals in large herds would be subject to strong "directional responses." The smaller groups observed at the test apparently did not have this reaction. Each took its own route.

The test was sponsored by the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. The UA Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit directed the tests. Results, they reported emphatically, were not conclusive.

They will continue to collect and study material for several months.

### ALS Board Meeting

The advisory board of Alaska Legal Services Corporation will meet Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18 at the Fairbanks Native Community Center according to David Wolfe of ALS.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, will discuss legal problems in rural Alaska among its other items of business.

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