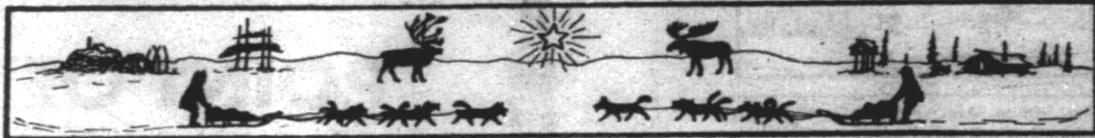


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# TLINGIT-HAIDA GROUP GIRDS FOR WORK ON CLAIMS ISSUE

## ☆☆☆☆☆ Borbridge Calls For Quick Land Settlement

By JOHN BORBRIDGE, JR.  
President: Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska  
1st Vice President  
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I. Alaska's native leaders and organizations, in a clear demonstration of statesmanlike consideration for the welfare of the entire state and on awareness of the lengthy litigatory process, are seeking a politically negotiated settlement of the land claims through the Congress of the United States.

Court proceedings, nevertheless, remain a viable alternative.

II. In accordance with the uniform federal policy to honor and protect lands held by aboriginal occupancy rights, Congress explicitly required the State of Alaska in the Statehood Act to "forever disclaim" all right or title to any lands held by Indian, Eskimo and Aleut groups.

III. Any state selection of lands which are held by native aboriginal title is violative of the terms, intent and spirit of the Statehood Act and contrary to other acts of Congress as well as federal policy.

IV. As repeatedly held by the Supreme Court of the United States, aboriginal title to lands embraces the COMPLETE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP BASED

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## Vide Releases LBJ Letters to Bartlett as Last Communique

WASHINGTON—On the day Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett died in a Cleveland hospital, President Johnson marked the tenth anniversary of Alaska Statehood by writing two letters, one to the People of Alaska and the other to Senator Bartlett.

Mrs. Bartlett has asked that the two letters be released as a last communique from Senator Bartlett's office.

The text of the two letters from the President follow.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
December 11, 1968

Dear Bob:

As we approach the tenth anniversary of Alaska's Statehood, I want you to know the

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TO SELL ALASKA—Mrs. Laura Bergt is slated to go to Los Angeles in February along with Jim Binkley of Fairbanks and Len Lawrence of Ketchikan to do pre-promotional work for Alaska's part at the Century City Alaska Travel and Trade Fair in Los Angeles on March 7-15.

A charming Eskimo young woman, Laura sprung from a prominent Kotzebue family. Laura is expected to return to Los Angeles around March 10 to demonstrate the blanket toss and other native cultural facets.

—DOLORES McCUTCHEON Photograph

## Pert Laura Bergt to Promote Alaska at Los Angeles Fair

Laura Bergt, nee Laura Beltz, is a beautiful Eskimo young woman and a prominent citizen of Alaska.

It was no accident why Laura was picked by Anchorage Mayor George Sullivan and his group to represent her people and Alaska at the Century City Alaska Travel and Trade Fair to be held on March 7-15 in the great City of Los Angeles.

Laura radiates the natural charm of her people. She also has extensive background of able achievements. One of these was her promotion and staging of the famous World Eskimo Olym-

pics in Fairbanks, the spectacle she managed for two successive years of 1966 and 1967.

"I'm very happy to have known Laura, a beautiful young person, and she'll do Alaska a great deal of good at the Century City in Los Angeles," said Mayor George Sullivan last weekend over the telephone from Anchorage.

Sullivan is the executive manager of the Alaska Business Council that is coordinating the program in Los Angeles.

Sullivan said that Laura is expected to travel to that city around February 20 to do pre-

promotional work along with Jim Binkley of Fairbanks and Len Lawrence of Ketchikan.

"Laura will be interviewed on radio, television, and she'll be interviewed by the press," said Sullivan. "She will also make appearances before civic and fraternal organizations in Los Angeles. The folks will sell Alaska all the way."

Laura, Jim Binkley and Len Lawrence will be promoting Alaska for about a week.

Sullivan said that around March 10, he hopes to have Laura Bergt return to Los An-

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## Central Council Sets Anchorage Office as Base On Issue Actions

The battle for settlement of \$500 million in native land claims was stepped up this week with the opening of an Anchorage office by the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians.

John Borbridge, Jr. president of the council, which represents more than 14,000 Tlingit and Haida Indians, says Anchorage was selected as the site for the new office because of its proximity to the federal and state agencies with which the Native group has worked.

The Central Council, which was awarded a \$7.5 million settlement last January in a separate claim, is affiliated with the Alaska Federation of Natives, as are 18 other Native groups. Borbridge is first vice-president of the A.F.N.

The A.F.N. is the statewide organization which is representing Alaska's 54,000 natives in their land claim which seeks title to 40 million acres of land including the mineral rights and \$500 million in compensation for relinquishing their Indian Title to another 240 million acres of land.

"It is clearly recognized," Borbridge explains, "that Alaska Natives collectively do hold Indian title to 290 million acres of Alaska land—the major portion

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## Health Science Library Seen as Important Tool

An important new tool for use by the state's medical community and significant to the health of the people is being established in Anchorage, thanks to cooperative efforts of private and federal groups.

Under provisions of Public Law 89-239, through which Regional Medical Programs are instituted, a grant was made to help develop a Health Sciences Library in Alaska.

It is a unique application of the program's objective to establish more effective links between the advancing frontier of medical knowledge and the world of medical practice, and to assure speedy delivery of the benefits of new knowledge to consumers of medical services in all parts of Washington state and Alaska.

Improved patient care is one of the immediate and direct benefits.

It is through RMP also that the Anchorage Cobalt Center is

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