

Pollock, Stevens to Share Offices Here

Congressman Pollock and U.S. Senate appointee Ted Stevens will share offices in Fairbanks and Juneau. Both men are from Anchorage and both have offices there.

Pollock has named Mrs. Janet Bloom of Fairbanks office manager. Mrs. Bloom has supported Pollock politically.

Stevens told the press in Fairbanks that it was the first time a United States Senator has had an

official office in Alaska's three major cities, Fairbanks, Juneau and Anchorage.

Both Sen. Stevens and Congressman Pollock came to Fairbanks last Monday to meet with officials. Stevens held a public reception at the Traveler's Inn. Hundreds of local people attended the reception.

Tlingit-Haida Girds . . .

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of Alaska—and could litigate on this.”

“But we offered the compromise claim, as we, too, want to see Alaska develop both economically and industrially. Thus, we are seeking a politically negotiated settlement through the Congress of the United States, which under established law is the only legal body in the U.S. which may extinguish aboriginal Indian ownership.”

Indian Title, the basis of the whole land claims issue, has been explained in a United States Supreme Court decision:

“Aboriginal Indian title to lands embraces the complete beneficial ownership based on the right of perpetual and exclusive use and occupancy. Such title also carries with it the right of the tribe or native group to be protected fully by the United States in such exclusive occupancy against any interference or conflicting use or taking by all others including protection against the state governments. In short . . . aboriginal Indian ownership is as sacred as the white man's ownership.”

Natives in over 150 villages in Alaska are on the same land as was occupied and used by their families centuries before the white man ever set foot on the North American continent, thus, they clearly have legal rights, Borbridge says.

Besides being part of the AFN land claims, the Tlingits and Haidas have a separate three-phase suit pending in the Indian

CONFERENCE . .

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20 Alaskans will be invited to the conference. These will include educators and representatives of various native associations, such as the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN).

The AFN, an organization established last year to coordinate efforts of widely dispersed tribes, was recently awarded a support grant of \$100,000 by the Ford Foundation.

Claims Commission.

The three causes of action are: (1) reparation for the bombing, burning and looting of the village of Angoon in 1882 by the U.S. Navy, (2) the seeking of compensation for “certain tidelands in Southeastern Alaska taken between 1935 and 1946,” and (3) an appeal relative to the fisheries there.

Compensation for the fisheries suit was denied in the U.S. Court of Claims. It is now being appealed before the Indian Claims Commission under the Fair and Honorable Dealings clause.

General Counsel for over 15 years for the Tlingit and Haida group is I.S. Weissbrodt, of Washington, D.C.

Why all the legal suits now for the grievances of the past? The approval for the Tlingit-Haida Indians to sue the U.S. Government was not given until 1935, Borbridge explains, when the U.S. Government, as a sovereign consented to allow itself to be sued by these Southeast Indians through the U.S. Court of Claims.

The Central Council, recognized by the federal government and Congress as the official agent of the Tlingit and Haida Indians was awarded the \$7.5 million settlement last year for 16 million acres of land taken by the federal government for establishment of Tongass National Forest, Glacier Bay National Monument and Annette Island Reserve.

Litigation for this settlement began in 1947, yet was not decided until 1968—another cause for careful compromise in the future, Borbridge adds.

Because of the interest monies earned just during 1968, the Tlingit and Haida Central Council is now a solid organization with very substantial assets, able to hire the best professional help, hold firm on all of the claims, “and dedicate ourselves to the betterment of the natives through self-determination.”

Borbridge, who recently resigned as Chief Officer of Native Affairs under the U.S. Public Health Service, is one of the first Alaskan natives to serve on a policy making level.

He is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a major in political science and taught on the secondary level in Southeast Alaska schools for twelve years. He is also a member of the Alaska Native Brotherhood.

The Central Council offices are in the Kaloa Building, 1675 C St. A Central Council office will be opened later this year in Southeastern Alaska.

Gov. Hickel Appoints 14 District Judges

JUNEAU—The appointment of 14 district judges was announced by Gov. Walter J. Hickel. The 14 judges will serve in towns and cities throughout the state with the largest number, five, appointed to serve at Anchorage.

Named district judges in Anchorage were Joseph J. Brewer, Paul Byron Jones, Dorothy D. Tyner, James A. Hanson, and Warren A. Tucker.

Mary A. Miller, Hugh Connelly, and Arthur T. Robson were appointed to serve at Fairbanks.

Two district judges, Bruce Monroe and Hartley Crosby will

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road. “This action is strongly in the public benefit because it will save substantial amount of time in construction when time is of such vital importance,” Saunders said.

The Fairbanks Chamber wired Hickel, “Congratulations on your decision to expedite the construction of the road to the North Slope.”

serve Juneau.

Other appointments are Peter M. Page, Sitka; Maurice Kelliher, Nome; Henry C. Keen, Jr., Ketchikan; and Nora Guinn, Bethel.

Appointments as district judge are made by the governor from a list of nominees submitted to him by the Alaska Judicial Council.

Each district judge is subject to approval or rejection by the voters at the first general election held more than one year after his appointment. If he is approved, he is subject to approval or rejection every fourth year thereafter.

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This project consists of grading, drainage, hot bituminous pavement, and riprap protection at the Ketchikan Ferry Terminal, Ketchikan, Alaska.

Principal items of work consist of the following: 9,630 tons of selected material; 2,127 tons of crushed aggregate base; 1,590 tons of subbase, B; 743 tons of Plant Mixture; 1,357 cubic yards of Riprap, Classes II and III; and miscellaneous items of work.

All work shall be completed by June 15, 1969.

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