

# Pribilovian Wants Self-determination on His Island

"President Nixon in his message 'A New Indian Doctrine' made it explicit that his administration would work for the self-determination of the Indian people, and that this would be the

goal of his Administration. . . . However, it seems that certain members of the Administration do not feel that this 'self-determination' should apply to the Pribilof Islands," writes St. Paul

Island Council President Jason Bourdukofsky.

The Aleut community council of St. Paul Island is protesting the recent appointment of a Community Development Offi-

cer for their village - a non-native appointed by a "high official in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration."

His sole qualification, according to the Village Council, ap-

pears to be that he formerly served as Congressional aide to Howard W. Pollock. Pollock, who left his Congressional seat to pursue an unsuccessful bid

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# BEGICH RAPS C. EDWARDSON

## Congressman Differs With ASNA Official On 'Confrontation'

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Response from Congressman Nick Begich (D-Alaska) indicates that he was greatly disturbed by remarks of Arctic Slope Native Association executive director Charles Edwardson in last week's Tundra Times.

In a letter published in Tundra Times, Edwardson noted that his confrontation with Congressman Begich was the second most significant accomplishment during his recent trip to Washington.

The so called confrontation occurred during a meeting with the Board of Directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives in mid March.

When Congressman Begich appeared to meet with the AFN Board members, Arctic Slope President Joe Upicksoun called for the board to give a standing ovation to the Congressman, thusly recognizing Representative Begich for his efforts on behalf of Alaskan natives paths to resolution of the native claims.

Edwardson began his "confrontation". He moved that Congressman Begich support the AFN position.

"Are we going to make the Congressman our native representative or is he going to give lip service", said Edwardson.

Without allowing for discussion on the motion, Edwardson called the question.

"My point is this. If you assume that I am against you then this is a sad day," Congressman Begich responded to the AFN Board.

Congressman Begich added, "I ask you to weigh carefully before jumping into conclusions. Inside the Senate, I operated last year 147 days; and for 147 days I never missed the roll call."

"I spoke to the Governor at conferences and worked on the job night and day. I have to weigh things carefully and apologize to whoever is here for taking up your precious time deciding how to operate efficiently and effectively."

"I know your position is no compromise, but I've got to work with 435 other people."

"These next weeks are crucial, Begich told the AFN at the March meeting. "I want to get the most out of the Congressmen. The Senate may move

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SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS - Three members of the Senate Subcommittee on Economic Development in Alaska with an opening session in Fairbanks last Friday. Shown are Senators

Howard Baker (R-Tennessee), Lt. Col. Maupin of the Department of the Army, Joseph Montoya (D-New Mexico) and Mike Gravel (D-Alaska).

--Photo by Madelyn Shulman

## Subcommittee on Economic Development Hearings

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Three members of the Subcommittee on Economic Development of the U.S. Senate Committee on Public Works were in Alaska last week to hold hearings in Alaskan cities and villages on economic problems.

The subcommittee members - Senator Joseph Montoya (D-New Mexico), Howard Baker (R-Tennessee) and Mike Gravel (D-Alaska) reached Alaska at the end of two months of hearings in six states and Washington, D.C. Among the cities included in the hearings were Seattle, Washington and Los Angeles, Calif.

Governor William A. Egan led off testimony at the opening day of the Alaskan hearings - which began in Fairbanks on Friday - with information on Alaska's severe need for water and air transportation.

After a day of hearings in Fairbanks, the subcommittee members and their staff headed for Anchorage and from there to Bethel and Nome for further hearings.

Governor Egan also touched on some of Alaska's needs for federal aid in creating employment opportunities and social and education programs.

He was accompanied to Fairbanks by three members of his cabinet - Commissioner of Economic Development Irene Ryan,

Director of State Planning and Research Robert Pavitt and Commissioner of Revenue Eric E. Wolforth.

Senator Montoya directed de-

tailed questions to Mr. Pavitt on the problems of water supply and sewage disposal in Alaskan rural areas. Mr. Pavitt explained

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## Gravel Moves to Improve Rural Roads

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The opportunity now exists for Alaska to alleviate many of the problems caused by unimproved roadways in rural areas, according to Senator Mike Gravel.

During an interview with the Tundra Times last week, Gravel discussed a new congressional appropriation which would make 40 million dollars available for construction of major thoroughfares in Alaska villages.

The Federal - Aid Highway Act of 1970, which achieved final passage in December, auth-

orized additional funding for Alaska in the amount of 20 million dollars each year during fiscal years ending in 1972 and 1973.

These funds could be used

to provide paved roadways in villages from the village to the airport or water transportation terminal, said Gravel.

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## Sen. Stevens Criticizes Leaders Who Attack Administration Bill

While Alaskan native leaders meet in Juneau with Governor

Egan, all three members of Alaska's Congressional delegation have spoken publicly in past days in favor of land claims settlements of at least that provided in the Nixon administration land claims bill.

This bill provides for 40 million acres of land, \$500 million dollars over 25 years and mineral revenues percentage of up to \$500 million. The AFN position is that a land claims settlement should consist of 60 million acres, \$500 million and a per-

petual 2 per cent overriding royalty on mineral revenues.

Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), in an interview Saturday with the Tundra Times, criticized Alaskan native leaders who attack the administration bill vehemently - not on the terms of the settlement - but on its distribution aspects.

"I would publicly urge everyone talking about this bill who wants it to pass to be positive and distinguish between compensatory and procedural aspects," he said.

These attacks, he said, can

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## Amchitka Blast

A proposed 5 megaton Atomic Energy Commission blast on Amchitka Island has attracted wide questioning and criticism in the past week as Alaskans ask what damage such an atomic device can wreak on the Alaskan environment.

The blast, which was announced last week, is reportedly scheduled for October and will

explode with a force equal to magnitude 7.0 on the Richter scale. The AEC does not believe this is large enough to trigger a serious secondary earthquake.

The blast at Amchitka may be the largest underground test

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