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Apportionment issue needs thinking

By LAURY ROBERTS

An innovative realignment of election districts will have to be devised if rural areas are to retain the present level of representation when the legislature is reapportioned in 1981.

Districts will be redrawn, following the completion of the 1980 census, based on the "one man one vote" doctrine held by the U.S. Supreme Court. This will equalize the number of constituents per legislator to conform with an updated population count.

It is likely that fully half of the entire 60-member legislature will come from the Anchorage area by the 1983 session, although the rate of population growth there is slowing in comparison to recent years. Presently 8 of 20 Senate members are from the state's most populated spot, as are 16 of 40 House members. Three senators are now from rural communities, and 8 representatives belong to the House bush caucus (including Rep. Jim Duncan, D-Juneau).

"I don't believe that our urban center should set

policy in the state," said Sen. Frank Ferguson (D-Kotzebue). "It's not healthy."

Gov. Jay Hammond will appoint a bi-partisan commission which must present a reapportionment plan to him within 45 days of when the census is submitted. The governor then has the same number of days to declare the new districts. He has the power to change the plan offered by the commission.

"Gov. Hammond would like very much to see adequate rural representation," said Attorney General Avrum Gross. "We need people with knowledge about vast areas of the state." Hammond was prevented from seeking a Senate seat in the Bristol Bay area under the Egan administration reappor-



STANLEY MACK—Chairman of the Board of the Aleut Corporation addresses the annual shareholders meeting held Saturday in Anchorage.

Aleut corp. meets, new board elected

The annual shareholders meeting of the Aleut Corporation was supposed to begin at noon last Saturday, but it wasn't until about 3 p.m. that there were enough persons there to establish a quorum.

Much of the problem was caused by the long distances many members had to travel from the outlying Aleutian Islands and other areas to get to Anchorage.

"For a time there, there were more lawyers around than members," one participant in the meeting observed.

Nevertheless, by the conclusion of the meeting at about 7 p.m., a new nine-member board had been elected. Many of the new officers included those members of the corporation who had sued the corporation management last year.

In the words of one observer, "Now, the 'outs' are the 'ins' and we can expect some changes." Elected to the board were: Ilarion Mercurieff as chairman of the board; Agafon Krukoff, Jr., as president; Lillie McGarvey as vice president; Barbara Jaehnig as secretary/treasurer; Leonard Mack; Alice Pertivelli, Leo Mercurieff; Vincent Tutiakoff, and Frank Cowden.

This past year has been one of controversy for the corporation. Last December in the case of *McGarvey, et al. vs. The Aleut Corporation, et al.*, the Superior Court ruled that the 1977 election was null and void

and that the corporation should proceed with a new election for all nine directors. Carl Moses, former president of the corporation, who also was involved in the suit, resigned his position in December.

In the meantime, Stanley Mack, was appointed to serve as caretaker of the corporation.

Despite the controversy and the court suit, the corporation still was able to report favorable progress. For the fiscal year ending on June 30 of 1978, the corporation was able to report a loss of only \$198,000, or 63 cents a share, as compared with the loss of \$455,000 or \$1.42 a share reported for the previous fiscal year.

Even better, according to some corporation sources, for the six months ending December 31, 1978, the corporation was able to report a profit of \$129,000 or 28 cents a share. Most of this improvement came from increased earnings in the corporation's marine operations.

Carter to meet with leaders

Most of Alaska's Native leaders have been invited to a reception in the White House Thursday where they will be briefed by President Jimmy Carter on the administration's views on the Alaska lands bills.

Telegrams carrying the invitation were received over the past weekend. It was not known at press time just how many of those invited will be able to attend the 2 p.m. afternoon briefing. Also scheduled to attend the meeting were Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus and Stuart E. Eizenstat, President Carter's special assistant for domestic affairs and policy.

Last week Andrus and Eizenstat went on record saying that President Carter would support a substitute measure sponsored by Representative Morris Udall, D-Ariz. Two weeks ago, Udall published in the Congressional Record amendments he is proposing to current bills under consideration. His proposals contain most of amendments to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) sought by Native organizations in Alaska.

Meanwhile, however, on Tuesday morning, Rep. Jerry Huckaby, D-Louisiana, introduced into the Congressional Record another set of amendments to his own bill, which also includes solutions sought by the Native groups.

The House Rules Committee Tuesday afternoon began the technical markup sections on the various bills under consideration. At issue are the procedures under which the various bills eventually will be brought to the floor of the House later this week and the priority by which amendments can be made.

Other state leaders, including John Katz, special assistant to Governor Jay Hammond, on the d(2) legislation, also are expected to attend the White House briefing.

Campbell joins commission

Lifetime Alaskan Bert Campbell, 36, will be joining the Alaska Commission on Judicial Qualifications following his recent approval by the State Legislature. Campbell had been appointed to the Commission by Governor Jay Hammond.

The Commission was created by the State's Constitution to investigate charges made by citizens or others of improper conduct or a breach of the Judicial Conduct Code by members of the Judiciary. If found guilty, a judge may be suspended, removed from office, retired or censored by the State Supreme Court upon the recommendation of the members of the commission.

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He is also the past president of the Anchorage Native Caucus, past president of the Tsimshian Tribal Association and a former board member of SeaAlaska Corporation.

Campbell urges that anyone wishing to bring anything to the attention of the Commission or wishing to appear at a meeting, should contact the Commission Chairman.