

Two Tundra Times Banquets: Fairbanks-Anchorage

The tenth anniversary of publishing Tundra Times will be celebrated by having two banquets, one in Fairbanks at the University of Alaska's William R. Wood Center on October 20,

and on October 21 at the Anchorage-Westward Hotel Ballroom in Anchorage.

Both banquets will begin with a no-host cocktail hour at 7:00 p.m. and banquet at 8:00 p.m.

The menu for the Fairbanks banquet will be Prime Ribs of Beef with vegetables, salad and desert to be decided on later. Anchorage banquet will offer a menu of Baron of Beef with

Savoyarde Potatoes (cooked in chicken broth with bacon and onion), Broccoli Polonaise, Chef's Salad and dessert to be picked by Anchorage-Westward Catering Service.

Speaker for the banquets has not yet been decided upon, but several contacts are being made with well known personalities. The speaker will be announced (Continued on page 6)

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BORBRIDGE ON AFN SHAKEUP

New Chairman of Board Says Wright's Actions Not Instructed by Board

By JACQUELINE GLASGOW
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Following last week's reshuffling in the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., John Borbridge, Jr., Tlingit-Haida leader emerged as the new chairman of the board of the statewide organization.

Speaking from Juneau, Borbridge said in an interview Monday that actions by Wright which led to his dismissal were not the outcome of "instructions from the board", as claimed by Wright in Fairbanks.

"The fact of the matter," said Borbridge, "was that the board of directors of AFN, Inc., were not sufficiently involved, nor kept sufficiently informed to act as a board of directors. This became very evident when we reviewed the facts recently in Anchorage."

"Lack of adequate involvement was a consensus of opinion," Borbridge stated, "and not the view of one or two or three people."

Full authority for the operations of AFN, Inc. was to have been vested in the board. Borbridge maintains that "all individuals operating under its direction were to be responsible to

it and had therefore to report to it."

"This meant basically that all program directions and administrations had to reflect the directives that had been established by the board. For example," Borbridge pointed out, "when the board directed that all programs should pay for themselves, then both the president and the comptroller had to comply with this."

Borbridge felt it was important that the board be kept informed at all times about the financial status of all programs.

"We were concerned, first of all, to know precisely where we were, what the status of the operation was, and secondly, to cease immediately, the operation of programs not paying for themselves."

In the opinion of the board, Borbridge said, "This was not done, and there was enough question to warrant our need to make some very definite moves in terms of reorganization."

On the question of the seventh annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Borbridge said the board of directors of AFN, Inc., "have issued no call for a convention at Wildwood." That call was (Continued on page 6)



PROFIT ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH — Tanana Chiefs' President John Sackett tells delegates to semi-annual conference that their corporations have a greater burden than IBM, General Mills,

and General Motors. They must give the Athabaskan people a better life.

— Photo by FRANK MURPHY

7th Annual AFN Convention Conflicting Dates Puzzle

The seventh annual AFN Convention will be held in Anchorage Oct. 26-28.

The seventh annual AFN Convention will be held at Wildwood Dec. 15-18.

If you think you're seeing double, you may be. At this point in time, no one is dead certain whether there will be one convention or two.

Prior to his recent ouster as President of AFN, Inc., Don Wright scheduled the forthcoming convention to be held at the Wildwood facility on the Kenai peninsula.

An Anchorage radio station KFQD is still carrying a public announcement giving that location and the December date.

However, Wright's successor, Willie Hensley, newly elected president of AFN, Inc. and nine of the twelve board members announced last week that the convention would be held in Anchorage Oct. 26-28.

They asked that each of the twelve native regional corporations send delegates and alternates to cast one vote for every 250 Alaskan natives in their region.

At last week's Tanana Chiefs Conference, there was confusion as to which convention delegates from that region would be expected to attend.

A motion was made that the

executive board of the Tanana Chiefs be selected to act as

Don Wright Tells His Side of Story

FAIRBANKS — Following a shakeup of leadership in the AFN, Inc., Don Wright, the deposed president, appeared last week at the Tanana Chiefs Conference in Fairbanks, Sept. 27-29, and addressed a closed session of the executive board of the interior group.

On the second day of the conference, Wright gave the following statement to Tundra Times relating the events which led up to his dismissal as President of AFN, Inc.

"The first meeting of AFN, Inc.," said Wright, "was held on Feb. 9, 1972 at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage. It was attended by Willie Hensley, Roy Ewan, and Flore Lekanof."

"The purpose of the meeting as described in the minutes was to expand the board to 12 members (representing the 12 Native regional corporations of Alaska) and to fill the vacancies."

Subsequently on March 10, the board selection consisted of Roy Ewan, Al Nakak, John Borbridge, Hank Eaton, Cecil Barnes, Joe Upicksoun, Phillip

delegates to the AFN Con- (Continued on page 6)

Guy, Larry Peterson, George Miller, Nels Anderson, Jr., Willie Hensley, and Mike Swetozof in place of Flore Lekanof.

Wright said Lekanof refused to resign, therefore Swetozof was not seated at the meeting.

It was stipulated at that time, said Wright, that the president shall not vote except in the

event of a tie. The president's term of office was to extend to Oct. 1972.

Don Wright was seated as chairman of AFN, Inc. with two dissenting votes: Borbridge and Hensley.

At AFN, Inc.'s next meeting, April 3, said Wright, a bill was (Continued on page 6)

Chiefs and Corporate Structure-Villages Tackle Problem for Better Life, Schools, Etc.

By JACQUELINE GLASGOW

FAIRBANKS — How do you cozy up to a corporation and make it work for you? Representatives from 38 interior Athabaskan villages met in Fairbanks Sept. 27-29, to translate the complex corporate structure of the Native Land Claims Settlement into better life, better schools, better homes, better health, and a certain something called PROFIT.

The semi-annual meeting of

the Tanana Chiefs Conference centered around the activities of three corporations: Tanana Chiefs, the non-profit regional corporation; DNH Development Corporation, an early profit-making venture of Tanana Chiefs; and the more recent DOYON, Ltd., profit-making corporation formed under terms of the Act and recipient of \$500,000 organizational monies.

DOYON, Ltd. is the entity which will assist each of the member villages in forming

village corporations to complete the corporate network.

The "stockholders of the future", Alaskan natives who will enroll under Tanana Chiefs, received full reports on the activities of all three corporations.

In addition, copies of the articles of incorporation and by-laws for DOYON, Ltd. were presented to every delegate as well as a hefty and impressive book called "Implementing the Alaska

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