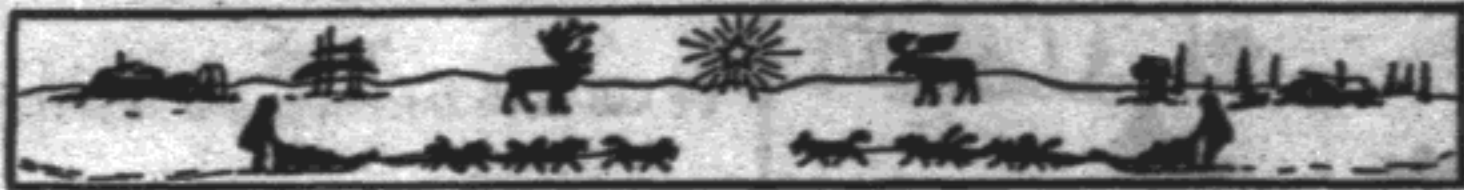


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At Recent Conference—

Resolutions Passed by Tanana Chiefs

RESOLUTION 68-1

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tanana Chiefs in Conference Assembled

That the Tanana Chiefs endorses S. 2906 and urges Congress to pass S. 2906 with amendments (1) to substitute a cash grant of substantially more than \$180 million in place of the Outer Continental Shelf royalty, (2) to change the priority right of selection in view of passage of Chapter 177, S.L.A. 1968 and agreements to be reached between villages and the state to assure villages of adequate lands under the land claim settlement and (3) to answer technical problems disclosed in congressional hearings, such as the need for easements in lands granted to native groups.

That the Tanana Chiefs finds Secretary Udall's latest proposal, in his letter of April 30, 1968, unacceptable for the following reasons:

1) The land grant provisions (a) do not provide enough land, (b) do not provide land to villages in withdrawn lands, such as Fort Yukon, (c) require reduction of the Tetlin reservation, (d) are not flexible enough as to non-contiguous lands, (e) require a trustee (f) do not provide for land for the Tlingit-Haida people.

2) The money grant provisions do not provide fair compensation for the lands lost and termination of the claims.

3) The Alaska Native Commission is not Alaskan, Native, or independent.

4) Regional associations and the Alaska Federation of Natives are not recognized and there is no provision for regular corporations.

5) The proposal is paternalistic, implies indefinite departmental control of native business affairs, and vests too much power in the Secretary of Interior.

6) The proposal does not clearly provide for the urban native.

7) The proposal does not adequately provide for descendants of less than quarter blood.

RESOLUTION 68-2

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tanana Chiefs in Conference

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tanana Chiefs in Conference Assembled

That the Tanana Chiefs urges the State of Alaska to build the new Northway School at Northway at the present location and not up and near the Alaska Highway.

RESOLUTION 68-3

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tanana Chiefs in Conference Assembled

That the Tanana Chiefs reiterates its stand that the Tanana hospital be retained in Tanana and urges that a new hospital be built in Tanana, and that the U.S.P.H.S. is further requested to participate under P.L.85-151 to the extent necessary to adequately care for the needs of Natives in the Fairbanks area in the construction of the community hospital to be built in the near future in Fairbanks.

RESOLUTION 68-4

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tanana Chiefs in Conference Assembled

That the Tanana Chiefs requests Governor Hickel to have his administration proceed with all possible speed to negotiate agreements with villages in the "Railbelt" area under Chapter 177, S.L.A. 1968, to give these villages assurance that they will receive adequate land under the land claim settlement by (a) agreeing on what state selected land the villages may have, and (b) agreeing on what land not yet selected by the State which the villages desire and which the State will select in order to protect village rights after the land freeze is lifted.

The University of Alaska Rural School Project is enrolling students from grades one through eight for its expanded summer school program.

A one-room multi-grade rural school will be simulated in the project's newest of three units on the UA campus and the students will be taught by teachers training for assignments in isolated villages of Alaska.

Mrs. Winifred D. Lande, executive director of the project, said, "We want to make the school as similar to a village operation as

possible.

"It is hoped to enroll students who have spent much of their life in a village. Applicants will be screened with this in mind."

The summer school can be an enrichment program for children who have recently moved to Fairbanks and who may have transition problems, Mrs. Lande explained.

"Effort will be made to meet the special educational needs of each child," she said, "but the purpose of the school is not to provide make-up or compensatory education for students."

The school will run from July 1 to August 16 with the students attending classes Monday through Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Arnold Granville, curriculum specialist for the project, will be director of the summer school. He has more than 30 years of experience teaching and supervising in the state's rural schools.

Students will be transported between their homes and the school on the UA campus by chartered bus. A free mid-morning snack will be served.

Persons interested in obtaining application forms or further information should contact the Alaska Rural School Project, Room 304-D Eielson Building on the UA campus or phone 479-7694.

The project program was expanded this summer to include the simulated one—

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RESOLUTION 68-5

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tanana Chiefs in Conference Assembled

That the Tanana Chiefs requests the Alaska State Department of Health and Welfare to pay agents in each village a substantial wage, to be determined by the village location and population, to handle applications and responsibility for the Alaska Food Stamp Program.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs in Conference Assembled

That the Tanana Chiefs will not approve of or accept, the Food Stamp Program if such a wage for the village food stamp agent is not provided.

RESOLUTION 68-6

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has failed to commit funds for the purpose of constructing a regional high school in the area of the Tanana Chiefs, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Department of Education and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have failed to resolve areas of difference resulting in delay and inaction as to construction of regional high school, and

WHEREAS, the Tanana Chiefs reiterates the stand in favor of regional high schools for the Interior

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tanana Chiefs in Conference Assembled

That the Tanana Chiefs urges that all parents in the Interior refrain from sending their children to Chemawa and Chillocco Indian Schools and instead send their children to high schools in the State of Alaska, and especially to high schools participating in the home boarding program under the State Department of Education, and that the Bureau of Indian Affairs IMMEDIATELY terminate the use of Chemawa and Chillocco Indian Schools for the education of Alaskan children.

RESOLUTION 68-7

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has stated they do not want to build regional high schools or dormitories due to the high construction costs involved

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tanana Chiefs in Conference Assembled

That the Tanana Chiefs urges the Bureau of Indian Affairs to make use of local resources in construction of new schools in order to cut costs and to provide all areas of Alaska with better education and more especially to expediate the construction of regional high schools and dormitories.

RESOLUTION 68-8

WHEREAS, many rural schools have playgrounds that may have dangerous objects, on or near, to the children

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tanana Chiefs in Conference Assembled

That the Tanana Chiefs requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the State Department of Education to clear playgrounds of stumps and other dangerous objects and conditions and fence playgrounds, subject to the approval of the village concerned.

Colorful Nuchalawoyya Slated for Performance at Tanana June 14-16

The colorful Nuchalawoyya celebration in Tanana will take place on June 14-15-16 this year.

Nuchalawoyya which means, the place where two rivers meet, is the annual gala event put on by the Athabas-

can Indians of the town of Tanana on the confluence of the Tanana and Yukon Rivers.

Based on the traditional gathering place of the Indians in the old days, the Tanana

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LETTERS to EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The state has made great strides in halting the influx of "summer time" Alaskans by passage of the autonomy law. The same effort could stop the hordes of nonresident commercial fishermen who wax fat on Alaskan silver horde and sail south to spend their riches.

Forty two per cent of the Bristol Bay gillnetters for the 1968 season are non-residents. These licenses could have been issued to Alaskans who throughout the long winters of unemployment and need this income. A nonresident fee of such proportions as to discourage the northward migration of nonresidents is in order.

A possible solution would be to conduct a lottery type drawing at the end of each season amongst resident fishermen and dependants coming of age for licenses for the following year. Those who did not luck out would have ample time to gear up for other species. If the Department of Fish and Game determined the escapement to exceed required limits, the resident fishermen and then the nonresidents who decided to take a chance on this factor could wet their nets.

It is time true Alaskans realize that their future and that of their children lies in their determination to halt encroachment of the great society of the south 48.

K. Painter
Anchorage, Alaska

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