

AFN in Debate on Priorities—

12 Regional Organizations Discussed

For three days last week the board of the Alaska Federation of Natives debated its priorities as board members encountered the tough problems of what to do when it comes to a crunch and Congress refuses to give the natives all their options.

Chief among the problems is whether the AFN will insist upon 12 regional corporations in the final bill or if the natives will trade the number of corporations for a smaller number with more inclusive powers.

The question of a native investment corporation, holding native capital and preserving it for investment, came under deep discussion as the controls Congress might impose over such a fund raised fears.

High on the list of points to debate was the strategy the AFN delegation should follow in Washington during coming weeks as opportunities for native input into land claims legislation become tighter.

"The stronger the regional corporations are in terms of money and power, the more pressure there will be in Con-

gress for there to be fewer regions," advised AFN counsel Ken Bass in his report to the board.

"I think our strength is in keeping strong regional corporations," he continued, "not dissipate land claims money on a per capita basis."

AFN counsel and advisors fear that Congressmen not trusting native capabilities, will hedge corporate powers with provisions which require regional corporations to act as funnels to channel native funds into welfare type programs.

In this way, the AFN fears, there will be insufficient money for capital investment and business propositions which could expand the natives' funds base.

Discussion was intense at the meeting over the concept of a statewide investment corporation as outlined in the Senate bill. Many board members expressed fears that such a corporation would be white controlled and tie up native money outside native control.

"We must have absolute control by the native people them-

selves," insisted Don Wright about and proposed investment corporation. "What is self-determination if it isn't freedom to manage your own affairs?"

"Do you think the Congress would accept anything less than white control?" They can invest our money and get it out of circulation and then they tie it up and ship it to Tokyo."

The Board agreed to limit any statewide investment corporation to 5 to 10 per cent of the land claims funds.

The AFN Board decided to send one member of each regional group to Washington this week to press for the best set of options open to the native people.

This includes a push for 30 million acres contiguous to villages, 10 million for economic development, 12 strong regional corporations and absolute priority on land selections.

The important thing, Don Wright reminded the board, would be to push hard to lobby the conference committee but not panic if land claims goes on

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Walker, Water Rights

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(AP)—Reliable inside Bureau sources stated Nov. 10 that Atty. Hans Walker Jr. (Mandan Hidatsa), on special assignment in the Interior Department's Solicitor's Office, has been named director of the Indian Water Rights Office here.

Walker was chosen by the Indian Bureau from a list of six nominees submitted by the National Tribal Chairmen's Association during a Montana conference held in Billings, Nov. 2-3.

Sources indicated Walker's deputy will be Morton Dramer (Crow-Cheyenne), who to this time has worked for the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation at Grand Coulee Dam in Washington State.

Walker on Nov. 10 began interviewing candidates for possible positions on the 5-man water office staff announced by Interior Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton on Nov. 4 amid nation-

wide Indian concern over ongoing water losses.

The Indian Water Rights Office begins operations on Nov. 15 on a seven-month budget of \$50,000 current until June 30, 1972. Morton told the national press Oct. 4 that the office would have a first-year operating budget of \$2 million.

The remainder must be picked up during budget reviews prior to that time.

Indians Too

Are "Pure Race"

ADOLPH HITLER, replying to a complaint from the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt concerning Nazi treatment of the Jews before and during World War II, urged Roosevelt to examine his own treatment of his Indians who were, of course, another "pure race."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The State Local Boundary Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 2, 1971, at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center Building in the City of Barrow, to consider the petition of the Arctic Slope Native Association, requesting the formation of a first class borough, to be known as the North Slope Borough.

The petition further requests:

(1) The following territory to be included within the boundaries of the proposed first class borough:

All lands north of the 68th North Latitude from the state's westernmost boundary to 146 West Longitude north along the 146 West Longitude to 68°30' North Latitude east to the Canada/United States Border, then north to the limits of the State of Alaska's northern boundary, thence meandering westerly to the point of beginning. This territory comprises generally the entire region known as the Arctic Slope, including the Brooks Range and its drainage to the north;

(2) The proposed composition and apportionment of the Assembly shall be five members to run at large with no specific district designation;

(3) That the proposed borough be assigned all powers of a first class city.

A copy of the petition is on file at the office of the City Clerk, City of Barrow; the City Clerk, City of Wainwright; the City Clerk, City of Kaktovik; the City Clerk, City of Anaktuvuk Pass; the City Clerk, City of Point Hope; the office of the Governor, Fifth Floor, MacKay Building, 338 Denali Street, Anchorage; the Office of the Governor, Room 144, 602 Barnette Street, Fairbanks; and may be examined at any of those offices during regular business hours by any interested person.

Any person, groups of persons, or their representative, will be given the opportunity to submit oral testimony at the hearing, whether or not they have submitted written testimony.

All persons wishing to be heard must be present or represented at the hearing.

Subsequent to the public hearing and after considering all aspects of the oral and written testimony brought before it, and any further written testimony postmarked on or before December 23, 1971, directed to the State Local Boundary Commission will, in accordance with AS 07.10.110, determine if the petition is to be accepted.

In the event that weather or other difficulties preclude holding the hearing at this date, it will be rescheduled for Friday, December 3, 1971 at 7:30 p.m.

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Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17

Your birthday today: Make new resolutions now rather than Jan. 1, so that by then you're well off on a productive trend of practical work. Theory has to be brought down to workable applications. Today's natives have strong motivations; great luck or quite the opposite in romance—no middle ground.

Aries [March 21-April 19]: Get everything important on a definite schedule; scrap non-feasible projects where they are and go on.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]: Your creative urges can find meaningful expression on a variety of levels. Make use of any opening for free time.

Gemini [May 21-June 20]: Remove yourself from competition by whatever means you find handy. Attend intellectual, cultural matters where possible.

Cancer [June 21-July 22]: An argument comes up easily but may be difficult to resolve, particularly on your home front or nearby.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Where you wind up holding the bag or decision—power or both, go ahead and do the best you can with good sporting humor.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]:

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Seek a diversion, fresh pathways, new people to share experience with today. Expect stronger reactions among old familiars.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: There are times when you may be better off by staying away from places or events. Situations suggesting any conflict of interests are definitely to be avoided.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: Redevelop your money arrangements, perhaps refinancing outstanding accounts. Be willing to state your case.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: You may be tempted to skip details. Getting a full conference among family and relatives can bring agreement on near-future plans.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]: The practical approach now is the only one that promises to be effective. Take a moment here and there to reflect.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: Give to your work its proper time and attention but take yourself out of it at normal quitting time to pursue your own enterprises.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: New ventures require your best mental concentration and intuitive guidance. Present your views with tact and patience.

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