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ACTION BULLETIN

ALASKA LAND RIGHTS

Progress Report
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1. The Land Bill itself is still in the process of being written by the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, meeting in Executive Session, latest one being on Wednesday March 11th.

It looks now like the bill is likely to be completed and reported out in about two weeks. These are the most crucial weeks on record in this regard and your continued pressure can spell the difference.

2. The Alaska Federation of Natives now have an official Washington office headquarters located at:

Friends Committee On National Legislation
245 Second Street N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20002
Temporary Tel: (202) LI7-4343

Representatives of the Native delegation come and go in Washington, so it is somewhat uncertain as to who will be there from time to time, but following are names of some who may be there.

Mr. Emil Notti, President AFN
Mr. John Borbridge, Vice President AFN
Mr. William Hensley
Mr. James Thomas

Feel free to contact them directly at any time with words of support, requests for information, or the offer of financial support should you be able to do so.

3. This office would certainly appreciate copies of any letters or telegrams you may be sending, or any other reports of involvements you may have. Attached as a "for instance", is a copy of a recent communication of the United Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association.

Many view this issue as a crucial test of America's willingness even at this late date to extend some tangible evidence that Indians and Eskimos can get a fair break in justice, as limited as it may be .

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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Telegram to SENATOR JACKSON, Chairman
U. S. Senate

"THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE ASSOCIATION CALLS UPON THE UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS TO COMPLETE THE LEGISLATION WHICH WILL BE IN ACCORD WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES IN THE ALASKAN LAND CLAIMS ISSUE NOW PENDING."

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