

- a) that the settlement should be administered by a commission which expressly includes Natives; and
- b) that the Natives should have control, in a democratic manner, of the corporations which will be set up under the legislation.

Second, while the Federal Field and Interior Bills propose a single state-wide corporation with vast economic resources and inconsistent and poorly defined powers, it is AFN's position that such a cumbersome Leviathan cannot work, would not meet the needs of the Natives, and would exercise an undue economic influence within Alaska if it were ever able to get off the ground.

We shall deal first with the question of Native control. While we shall focus on the development corporations, our points apply equally to Native representation on the Alaska Native Commission.

A. Native Control

Under the Federal Field Bill (§ 7(c)), a majority of the Board of Directors of the state-wide development corporation would be non-Native until three years after the corporation comes into being. Even after the stockholders have the right to select a majority of the directors, five of the eleven directors are to be appointed by the President.