

Like the Tyoneks, the Tlingit-Haida Indians are developing a comprehensive plan for the utilization of nearly \$7 million which they will receive by virtue of a court of claims decision. Their plan includes: an industrial and commercial development fund; a revolving fund for loans which may eventually lead to the organization of a Tlingit-Haida bank; a community development fund; a program for scholarship grants and assistance for educational, professional and vocational training; services for the elderly; and a housing guarantee and loan fund.

The Tyoneks and Tlingit-Haidas are obviously very able groups. However, there is no reason to believe that any other Native group is any less able to administer money. Among Native Alaskans, no group has a monopoly on administrative ability; the talents which exist among the Tyoneks and Tlingit-Haidas exist throughout the State.

It must be remembered that the Alaska Natives, as a group, are an extraordinary people. Long before Caucasians came to Alaska, the Natives had conquered an Arctic semi-continent without the benefit of any modern technology. The conditions which they endured and the environment which they mastered might have destroyed any other group in the world. Surely, any group that could overcome Alaska's geography and climate with primitive utensils has the ability and common sense to administer settlement proceeds wisely.