

**Bear Ketzler (Alfred Ketzler, Jr.) Photograph Collection, 1962 (UAF-1992-202)
Alaska and Polar Regions Collections & Archives, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library
University of Alaska Fairbanks**

The Bear Ketzler (Alfred Ketzler, Jr.) Photograph Collection consists of thirty 8x10 black-and-white photographs of people and events at one of the first meetings of the Tanana Chiefs Conference that was held in Tanana, Alaska, June 24-26 1962. Members of the Department of the Interior's Task Force on Alaska Native Affairs also attended, as did LaVerne Madigan of the Association of American Indian Affairs (AAIA), Ted Hetzel of the Indian Rights Association, and staff of the Army Corps of Engineers who gave a presentation about the proposed Rampart Dam.



The three-member Task Force was comprised of: William Keeler, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Indian Nation and chairman of the executive committee of the Phillips Petroleum Company (chair); Hugh Wade, Secretary of State for Alaska; and James E. Officer, Associate Commissioner of Indian Affairs. More information about the Task Force can be found at: <https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/opa/online-press-release/alaska-task-force-reports>. A copy of their final report "Report to the Secretary of the Interior by the Task Force on Alaska Native Affairs, December 18, 1962" can be found in Box 4, Folder 42 of the Alfred R. Ketzler, Sr. Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Collection, 1961-1977 at UAF.

The Bear Ketzler Collection also contains a copy of "Dena' Nena' Henash (Our Land Speaks)," a summary of what was discussed in the meetings. A copy of this conference program can also be found in Box 4, Folder 10 of the Alfred R. Ketzler, Sr. Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Collection, 1961-1977 at UAF.

The online guide to the Bear Ketzler Photograph Collection can be found at: <https://archivescatalog.library.uaf.edu/public/final/Portal/Default.aspx?component=AABC&record=133af9d5-8a80-4c32-a243-dc8fb50b7385>

The collection is also available online on the Alaska's Digital Archives website (<https://vilda.alaska.edu>), with the individual photos viewable at: <https://vilda.alaska.edu/digital/search/searchterm/Bear%20Ketzler%20Photograph%20Collection>

UAF-1992-202-1: Recess at early Tanana Chiefs Conference meeting in Tanana, Alaska, 1962.

UAF-1992-202-6: An unidentified man speaking at the early Tanana Chiefs Conference meeting in Tanana, Alaska, 1962.

UAF-1992-202-8: An unidentified group of people in a large meeting room, unknown location, 1962.

UAF-1992-202-9: Left to right: Mayor Ryan of Annette Island, Charlie Purvis, Oscar Craig, Kay Hitchcock (Copper Center, Alaska Native Brotherhood), Theodore Hetzel, and Howard Rock standing outside a log building at the early Tanana Chiefs Conference meeting in Tanana, Alaska 1962.

UAF-1992-202-11: Left to right: Howard Rock, Tom Snapp, and Theodore Hetzel, standing at a table with printer's type blocks and plates, 1962. These are probably related to the layout and printing of the Tundra Times newspaper.

UAF-1992-202-12: Howard Rock (left) and LaVerne Madigan (middle) with a camera, at the early Tanana Chiefs Conference meeting in Tanana, Alaska, 1962. The man on the right is identified only as Fergus.

UAF-1992-202-13: Harold Moats and Colonel Kenneth Sawyer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers explain the Rampart Dam to a group during the early Tanana Chiefs Conference meeting in Tanana, Alaska, 1962. Fred John Sr. of Mentasta, Alaska is the man in suit with glasses, standing to the left and facing the camera. [Appears to be the same photo as UAF-1992-202-15.]

UAF-1992-202-14: Bill Keeler, Principal Chief of the Oklahoma Cherokees, & Chairman of the Task Force [Department of Interior's Task Force on Alaska Native Affairs], at Tanana, Alaska, 1962. UAF-1992-202-14.

UAF-1992-202-15: Harold Moats and Colonel Kenneth Sawyer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers explain the Rampart Dam to a group during the early Tanana Chiefs Conference meeting in Tanana, Alaska, 1962. Fred John Sr. of Mentasta, Alaska is the man in suit with glasses, standing to the left and facing the camera. [Appears to be the same photo as UAF-1992-202-13.]

UAF-1992-202-16: Early Tanana Chiefs Conference meeting in the Community Hall in Tanana, Alaska, 1962. The group is unidentified.

UAF-1992-202-18: Small groups form during a break in the early Tanana Chiefs Conference meeting in Tanana, Alaska, 1962.

UAF-1992-202-19: A group of people (none identified) pose for a photograph behind the wing of a Wien Alaska passenger plane when the Task Force [Department of Interior's Task Force on Alaska Native Affairs] leadership met with Native Alaskans at Tanana, Alaska, 1962. [Task Force leadership was: William W. Keeler, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Indian Nation, and chairman of the executive committee of the Phillips Petroleum Company (chair); Hugh Wade, Secretary of State for Alaska; and James E. Officer, Associate Commissioner of Indian Affairs.] [Appears to be the same photo as UAF-1992-202-20.]

UAF-1992-202-20: A group of people (none identified) pose for a photograph behind the wing of a Wien Alaska passenger plane when the Task Force [Department of Interior's Task Force on Alaska Native Affairs] leadership met with Native Alaskans at Tanana, Alaska 1962. [Task

Force leadership was: William W. Keeler, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Indian Nation, and chairman of the executive committee of the Phillips Petroleum Company (chair); Hugh Wade, Secretary of State for Alaska; and James E. Officer, Associate Commissioner of Indian Affairs.] [Appears to be the same photo as UAF-1992-202-19.]

UAF-1992-202-25: Meeting of the Alaska Task Force [Department of Interior's Task Force on Alaska Native Affairs] at Tanana, Alaska, 1962. The following people are identified: William Keeler, Hugh Wade, James Officer, Oscar Craig, Alfred Ketzler, Sr., and Clarabelle Charlie as secretary. [Task Force members were: William W. Keeler, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Indian Nation, and chairman of the executive committee of the Phillips Petroleum Company (chair); Hugh Wade, Secretary of State for Alaska; and James E. Officer, Associate Commissioner of Indian Affairs.]

UAF-1992-202-29: Group of people [none identified] at the early Tanana Chiefs Conference meeting in Tanana, Alaska, 1962. [Appears to be the same photo as UAF-1992-202-30.]

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Henry S. Kaiser, Jr. Papers, circa 1919-1994 (Collection HMC-1148), UAA/APU Consortium Library, Archives and Special Collections, Anchorage

The Henry S. Kaiser, Jr. papers mostly consists of photographs of people and buildings at the Seward Sanatorium, Alaska villages, the Golden Days parade in Fairbanks, AVEC (Alaska Village Electric Cooperative) training and meetings, 4th of July parade, and Alaska politicians. The Alaska Federation of Natives is listed as a subject in the finding aid, but it is unknown how many photographs there may be that are related to this.

Henry Kaiser (1932-2011) was born in Fairbanks, Alaska, and graduated from the University of Alaska in 1960 with a degree in education, and worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and as an elementary school teacher in Nenana and at Fort Richardson. He was an avid photographer.



The online guide to the Henry S. Kaiser, Jr. papers can be found at: <https://archives.consortiumlibrary.org/collections/specialcollections/hmc-1148>
Select images in the collection have been digitized and added to the Alaska's Digital Archives website (<https://vilda.alaska.edu>).

The following four photographs of AFN meetings were found online in the Alaska's Digital Archives:

UAA-HMC-1148-b1-f50-36: A group of people are sitting around a table at an Alaska Federation of Natives meeting, circa 1967-1968. The people at the table in the foreground of the image are identified, left to right, as: Richard Stitt from Sitka; Jerome Trigg from Nome; Frank Degnan from Unalakleet; Flore Lekanof from St. Paul Island; and Cecil Barnes from Cordova. Available online in the Alaska's Digital Archives at: <https://vilda.alaska.edu/digital/collection/cdmg13/id/18996/rec/396>

UAA-HMC-1148-b1-f50-31: Richard Frank speaking at the podium during an Alaska Federation of Natives meeting, circa 1966-1968. The man sitting to his right is Sylvester Ayek, and the two men sitting to the left are Emil Notti and Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall. Available online in the Alaska's Digital Archives at: <https://vilda.alaska.edu/digital/collection/cdmg13/id/19014/rec/409>

UAA-HMC-1148-b1-f50-35: People listening to a speaker at an Alaska Federation of Natives meeting in Anchorage, 1968. The two men in the center of the photograph are identified as Eben Hopson, Sr. (left) and Tom Brower, Sr. (right), both from Barrow, Alaska. Available online in the Alaska's Digital Archives at: <https://vilda.alaska.edu/digital/collection/cdmg13/id/18785/rec/495>

UAA-HMC-1148-b1-f50-25: Congressional Candidate Nick Begich is standing at a table and speaking during an Alaska Federation of Natives meeting in Fairbanks, 1968. Sitting at the table (left to right) are: Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, AFN President Emil Notti, John Hope of BIA in Juneau, and Laura Bergt of Kotzebue & AFN. Available online in the Alaska's Digital Archives at: <https://vilda.alaska.edu/digital/collection/cdmg13/id/18786/rec/496>

The Tundra Times Photograph Project

The Tundra Times Photograph Project website contains photographs in a searchable database (<https://tuzzy.org/TundraTimes>) that contains digital versions of images that originally appeared in the *Tundra Times* newspaper, which was the voice of Alaska Natives from 1962 to 1997. It reported on events that transformed the Alaska Native way of life, including settlement of land claims, founding of Native corporations, and the transfer of health and social services to Native-operated nonprofits. The collection is owned by and physically housed at the Tuzzy Consortium Library in Utqiagvik, Alaska and they created the website.

The database can be searched by a specific subject or a personal name. For example, when searching under "Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act," one photo that comes up is of Willie Hensley speaking with Justice Thomas Berger with the following caption: "Canadian Judge Thomas Berger and Willie Hensley talk after Berger spoke at the recent Alaska Federation of Natives retreat on 1991 issues. Berger has begun his study of the after effect of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act by attending the retreat."

([http://tundratimes.tuzzy.org/Obj8284\\$865*84348](http://tundratimes.tuzzy.org/Obj8284$865*84348))



There is also the **Tundra Times Indexing Project** (<http://ttip.tuzzy.org/index.htm> and <http://ttip.tuzzy.org/cgi-bin/ttimes.exe>) that contains links to PDF files made from scans of the paper edition of the *Tundra Times* newspaper. The articles are searchable and by clicking on individual titles a PDF will display and is available for free download. Most of the scans are of decent quality, but some can be hard to read. Additionally, the full citation is in the search listing for the item but not in the actual scan, so it is important to get the citation from the search list before proceeding to the scanned article.

For more ANCSA collections with photographs, see the *Guide to Sources for the Study of the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Volume 1: History and Archival Collections* for other photographs and materials related to ANCSA at: <http://hdl.handle.net/11122/12596>