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Roy Goose, Rhoda Inuktuk are interviewed by Jeff Kennedy ; Frank Peratrovich is interviewed by Dennis Harris

Jeff Kennedy, interviewer

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Jeff Kennedy said Roy Goose and Rhoda Inuktuk covered the Inuit Circumpolar Conference last June in Barrow, Alaska for the Canadian Broadcast Corporation.

Jeff Kennedy asked Rhoda how she started in broadcasting. Rhoda Inuktuk said she was working for CBC part time. She was in training for several months. She was offered a job and said it was a good opportunity for her. She said she spoke the dialect of eastern N.W.T. Roy Goose said his home is Homan Island in the Northwest Territories. He had produced some Native language materials for his cousin who work for CBC in Inuvik. Gradually he started to work in public broadcasting. Before working for CBC his was in communications and supplies with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Jeff Kennedy asked him about qualifications. Roy said his background helped him and to have a job with broadcasting you have to be a graduate of grade twelve or better. Jeff Kennedy asked about advice for people wanting to get into the business. Roy recommended completing your education and by doing some freelance work for a radio station.

Song by Clay Stevens

Jeff Kennedy asked if the pressure and rigid time frames required for broadcasting conflicts with Native culture. Roy Goose said he didn't think so. It doesn't make a person lose his culture at all. In their culture people have to meet their deadlines and things have to be timed precisely. He said it is part of their culture to be precise. Jeff Kennedy asked if it is difficult to work in a job where a person is the only Native in the organization. Roy said speaking for himself he doesn't have any problem. Rhoda said she didn't have any problem. Kennedy asked what kinds of programs they produced for their Native listeners in the Northwest Territories. Roy said they have a Native man doing the morning show on weekdays in Eskimo language. Rhoda said she works from 7-9 in the morning on NWT net. She also works in the afternoon and talked about what she covers. She said she speaks on the radio predominantly in the eastern dialect. Roy talked about incorporating in English words. They talked about understanding the Alaskan dialect. Rhoda speaks in Inupiaq. Roy also speaks in Inupiaq and sends out a greeting.

Song by Ian and Sylvia Tyson

Jeff Kennedy said recently Sealaska Corporation held its annual meeting and elected six members of the board.

Dennis Harris talked about Frank Peratrovich. Frank Peratrovich said the present Native organization seems to disregard the accomplishments of ANB. The idea for the land settlement was worked out by the ANB. This took place during the Hoonah convention. James Wickersham

who was a Republican brought up the idea that the Natives had every right to the land they owned. William Paul, Sr. was with them at the time. He was working with Wickersham at his office in Juneau. The brotherhood met in Wrangell to make a decision on pursuing a lawsuit. He was a delegate from Klawock at that time. That is how the whole thing started. He talked about working in the Alaska legislature, the cost of campaigning and the Native corporation election method in Alaska.

Song by Mossy Davidson

Jeff Kennedy said Frank Peratrovich thinks a proxy method of voting is too complicated. Frank Peratrovich said the method should be explained. He thought people should be coming to the villages to explain everything to them. He thinks their leadership has had ample time to chart some industry and think about investments of some kind. He thinks that there should be a distribution by now.