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Andrew Isaac of Dot Lake, Maureen Holden with David Hendrickson

Jeff Kennedy, moderator

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1975?

Andrew Isaac presents the keynote address at the Bush Justice Conference in Minto, Alaska in 1975. He said he appreciates being at the conference again. He said this was the first time in the conference history that it was being held in a Native village. He talked about education changing in the Native villages since the end of WWII. The Alcan Highway was put in and cut across Canada and through to Fairbanks. There are a lot of problems to talk about. He learned through work. He said today there are a lot of things where they need help. He talked about land selection. They want to get land for the village of Tanacross and the state will only give them a small section of land. He said their rights are gone. July 1 is a deadline (referring to the land settlement?). He discussed not being able to get land to build homes. He said the people at the conference are helpers who listen. He said they have already lost too much land and discussed settlement money. He talked about Chief Peter.

Jeff Kennedy reads correspondence from Josephine Riley. Josephine Riley wrote that there were nine of them being trained at the University of Alaska for the village correspondence training program on April 29, 1975. Those attending included Jimmy Bedford, E.G. Olson, Frank Bester, Phyllis Stickle, Josephine Riley, Clyde Mayo, and Fran Holmes.

Public service announcement.

David Hendrickson interviews Maureen Holden about the 4H youth leadership conference. He asked what is youth leadership? Maureen said it is a program for high school students. At the workshop the program is aimed at leadership development and getting to know yourself. David asked if there is a club involved? Maureen said delegates have come to the workshop without being involved with a group or club. Most of the delegates are sponsored by schools, clubs or churches. The delegates then go home and help their community with the information they gained at the workshop. David asked if someone from his town wanted to send a delegate who they contacted? Maureen said a lot of times people in the villages will help with fundraising for the delegate for expenses. There are scholarships available to 4H members. Maureen said there is a pretty good representation from many different groups not just 4H. If someone needs more information they can write to Maureen Holden. She said it is a general leadership program for any type of youth group. They learn new skills and learn to work in groups. She said they have delegates from all over the state of Alaska. The leadership workshop is usually held in August. They mail information about the conference to all of the schools in Alaska and the youth groups that they are aware of. They hope the information is being spread. They advertise in newspapers. David said when he was a young man his life was the winter camp and the fish camp. He would wonder who lived beyond his world. He said radio throughout Alaska is carrying this information. Maureen Holden said this

program helps to get people together from across the entire state. Maureen talked about lodging on campus for the delegates and transportation. They usually charter a bus from Anchorage. They also have a riverboat cruise for the delegates. She talked about the program hours and content of the program. They talk about things like parliamentary procedure and human relations. They are having something about the bicentennial, too. She provided information about contacting her.