

Naknek village; and

WHEREAS, by decision dated July 1, 1955, the Manager, Land Office, Anchorage, Alaska, ordered a hearing at Naknek, Alaska in order that the rights of all interested parties might properly be determined; and

WHEREAS, by decision dated November 16, 1956 by Earl C. Thomas, the acting director of the Bureau of Land Management, Washington, D. C., summarily vacated the decision of July 1, 1955 and the residents of Naknek were thereby deprived of an opportunity to be heard in this matter; and

WHEREAS, said residents strongly contend that there are substantial questions of fact that should be determined by public hearing at Naknek, Alaska, before they are deprived of substantial property rights without due process of law; and

WHEREAS, said residents further contend that they are entitled to a hearing as a matter of right under

the Rules of Practice of the Bureau of Land Management, 43 CFR, 221.1 et sequitur; the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act of June 11, 1946; and by the due process clause of the Constitution of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully requests as a matter of justice, equity, and due process of law, that prior to a final determination with respect to Anchorage 023039 a public hearing be held at Naknek, Alaska, where the land and witnesses are located, in order that the claims of all interested parties be heard and determined in accordance with the established American concept of due process of law.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House February 25, 1957.

Passed by the Senate March 4, 1957.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Frederick A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James Murray, Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the United States Senate; and the Honorable Clair Engle, Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature

of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-Third Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Air Force has filed Application Serial No. Fairbanks 010087, published in the Federal Register of November 29, 1956, for a withdrawal of 2700 acres of land in the Cape Prince of Wales area of the Seward Peninsula, Alaska, which includes Cape Creek; and

WHEREAS, Cape Creek contains large reserves of tin-bearing gravels

proven by U. S. Bureau of Mines drilling; and

WHEREAS, the requested withdrawal will exclude entry under the mining laws; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of the world supply of tin is produced in those countries under the influence of, or dominated by communism, and would be immediately cut off in case of war; and

WHEREAS, the mining of the Cape Creek tin would be a benefit to the economy of Alaska as well as to our national security; and

WHEREAS, said mining of the Cape Creek tin would not interfere with the military operations or

security within the proposed withdrawal or neighboring vicinity;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully requests that the said Department of Air Force application for a 2700-acre withdrawal covering Cape Creek on the Seward Peninsula be not granted or else be amended in such a manner that entry under the mining laws may be affected.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House March 1, 1957.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1957.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16

To the Secretary of Defense; the Secretary of the Army; the Chief of the National Guard Bureau; the Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives; the Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the U. S. Senate; the Delegate to Congress from Alaska; Alaska Senators-Elect William Egan and Ernest Gruening; and Alaska Representative-Elect Ralph Rivers:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third regular session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the First and Second Scout Battalions of the Alaska National Guard, located along the northern and western coasts of Alaska fronting on Soviet Russia, are performing a vital mission of defense for the Nation in providing

daily aircraft warnings and information to the U. S. Air Force and intelligence information for Headquarters, U. S. Army, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, although the Scout Battalions and their members are on inactive Territorial status, they have been assigned this important and continuing national defense mission and a corresponding mobilization assignment by the regular military establishments of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Scout Battalions are organized as village units which do not now have but need adequate facilities to serve as bases of operation for meeting, training, and storage of Federal supplies and equipment issued to those units in support of their assigned Federal mission; and

WHEREAS, it has been deter-