

Barrow Eskimo Dance Band to Perform at Paper's Banquet

A nationally known newspaper columnist, an Eskimo band from Barrow, king salmon, reindeer meat, Kodiak king crab, native queens, senators, congressmen, famous politicians, major oil industry officials: all these and more will make up the backdrop for the Tundra Times 8th anniversary banquet at the Civic Center at Alaskaland this Saturday, October 3.

The festivities will begin with a no-host cocktail hour at 7:00 p.m. and the annual feast will begin at 8:00 p.m. The dress for the occasion will be semi-formal.

Jack Anderson, the author of the nationally syndicated column, Washington "Merry Go Round" will be the principal speaker at the newspaper's annual banquet. Anderson will

speak on this year's anniversary theme: "Communications: Bridges to Understanding."

The barrow three-man Eskimo instrumental dance band, the Polar Bears, will be performing for the dance that will take place after the banquet.

The three young men are: George Amouak, Sam Ahgeak, and Gilbert Long. The trio feature electric guitars. They are said to be "groovy" performers blaring out really danceable music.

Fairbanks television station KFAR will film the Tundra Times banquet at Alaskaland on the evening of October 3.

Many dignitaries are already on the committed list to attend the anniversary dinner. Secretary Robert Ward will represent Gov. Keith Miller. Former Governor William Egan will attend as will Mrs. Vide Bartlett, widow of the late Sen. E.L. "Bob" Bartlett.

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A large number of native leaders will be in Fairbanks to attend the banquet and to meet at the Alaska Federation of Natives' Board of Directors meeting and to attend the National Council on Indian Opportunity meet here.

Included among the native leadership are: Emil Notti, AFN president; John Borbridge, AFN 1st vice president; Eben Hopson, AFN executive director; Rep. Willie Hensley and many others.

Sen. Mike Gravel and Congressman Howard Pollock are expected to attend. Sen. Ted Stevens sent word that he will be unable to attend but that he might send a representative.

Six officials from the Anchorage office of the British Petroleum (BP) will be present as well as others from major oil companies.

The banquet will be fed with salmon from Seward, reindeer meat from Nome, and, possibly, king crab from Kodiak. If not king crab, Sam Kito, the food chairman of the banquet, will try for Alaska shrimp.

The catering of food and the dispensing of beverages will be handled by Count's of Fairbanks.

The decoration committee, headed by Mrs. Mary Jane Fate is working for appropriate designs to go with the theme of

of this year's banquet.

Jack Anderson will be given a Communications Award that is being designed by well known Eskimo artist, Prof. Ronald Senungetuk of the art department of the University of Alaska.

Prof. Senungetuk is also in charge of a design item to be presented to Capt. Bill English of the Wien Consolidated Airlines for his work of excellence as perennial master of ceremonies at the annual World Eskimo Olympics, a native program now under the management of the Tundra Times.

Prof. Senungetuk is also designing a place card with an original woodcut design, depicting communications native style.

Miss Alaska, Ginny Walker of Kotzebue, and Miss World Eskimo Olympics of 1970, Jo Ann Joseph of Stevens Village, will be attending.

Festivities begin this Saturday with a no-host cocktail hour at 7:00 p.m. with the banquet beginning at 8:00 p.m.

The latest development has it that the Count's beverage dispensing will be continued after the banquet so the banquet crowd can "visit" and perhaps do a little politicking.

Tickets for the anniversary dinner are \$25 per couple and \$15 single. They can be bought at the Tundra Times office at 510 2nd Avenue, Chena Building, Room 220, and at Ralph Perdue Jewelry, Foodland Shopping Center, and at Mrs. Bettie Harrop Clark, Alumni Office, 209 Constitution Hall, University of Alaska campus.

Tickets are also available at the Fairbanks Native Welcome Center, 520 4th Avenue, Fairbanks.