

Pulitzer Prize Winner—

Momaday, Kiowa, Visits Alaska

Pulitzer prize winning author N. Scott Momaday visited Alas-

ka last week to address the Alaska Humanities Forum in Anchorage on the relationship of the American native people to the land.

Momaday's book, "House Made of Dawn," tells the poignant story of a young Indian returning to the reservation after the Second World War.

This beautiful and moving first novel won the Pulitzer Prize in 1969 and was followed by "The Way to Rainy Mountain," a poetical and sensitive account of the 300 year migration of the Kiowa people.

In an exclusive interview with the Tundra Times in Fairbanks, Momaday reflected on transitions in the traditional relationships between the Alaska native people and the land.

"I haven't had an opportunity to see much of the Alaska situation," said Momaday, "but I think the Alaska native people and the Indian people in other states have much in common."

"The Kiowa tribe has no tribal lands," said Momaday. "There are only individually owned native allotments."

Momaday teaches English and literature at Stanford University and spends his summers in New Mexico, where he grew up on reservations.

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He said that he finds he needs periods of going back to the land for creative renourishment.

He is presently working on a volume of poetry and an autobiographical narrative.

Momaday sees the young native people of America as "becoming more and more articulate, more sure of themselves, and moving out in the world."

"Their experiences," he added, "are so far apart from what their fathers experience in the world was."

Momaday was interested in meeting Tundra Times' editor, Howard Rock, a fellow writer and poet. Mr. Rock invited Momaday to speak at the Tundra Times annual banquet in October.

Alaskans will then have an opportunity to hear this outstanding Indian author who has made a significant and meaningful contribution to American literature and the literature of native peoples.