



AFN-TT BANQUET PLANS JELL

Mystery Painting Amid Plans of Attraction

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FAIRBANKS — Throughout the ten year history of Tundra Times Banquets, a varied assortment of items have been sold or auctioned off during the dinners. Banquet-goers have had the chance to bid on everything from the tie worn by actor Vincent Price to the male organ of a walrus.

This year, a very special work of art will be sold to someone in attendance at the banquet. The last time Tundra Times editor Howard Rock completed a painting was in 1961.

Tuesday, Rock and Tundra

Times board member Daphne Gustafson went on a shopping expedition to replenish the editor's art supplies so that he may begin work on a painting which will be offered for sale during the banquet.

The editor was an accomplished artist before he started this newspaper in 1962.

Whether the painting will be auctioned off or sold through a raffle is yet to be determined by the banquet planning committee.

Laura Bergt of Fairbanks has accepted the chairmanship of the planning committee for the eleventh annual Tundra Times Banquet. Mrs. Bergt announced that a meeting of the committee will be held in Anchorage today.

Members of the committee include Kay Fanning, publisher of the Anchorage Daily News; Bill Snedden, publisher of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner; Robert Atwood, publisher of the Anchorage Daily Times; Senator Willie Hensley, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives; George Sullivan, mayor of the City of Anchorage;

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NOMINATION HEARINGS — During the hearings Morris Thompson, center, is shown with, left to right: Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska,

Interior Secretary Rogers Morton, Thompson, Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, and Sen. Paul Fannin, R. Ariz.

Morry Thompson Approved

Confirmation of Morris Thompson, Athabascan Indian from Tanana, as the new Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs was recommended Tuesday by the U.S. Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. Tundra Times Washington news sources indicate that the Senate will vote to approve the nomination of Thompson

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Energy Crisis Evident at Thompson's Nomination

By RICHARD LA COURSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. — (AIPA) — People flocked to the Senate hearings here November 14 on the nomination of the Indian Commissioner-designate, Morris Thompson, attesting to the troubled state of Indian affairs and a widespread concern for the decline of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the collapse of morale among its 16,000 employees over the past year.

Although the post of the Indian Commissioner has been vacant since the firing of Louis R. Bruce last December 6, the national energy crisis prevailed over the BIA vacancy as a total of seven senators came and went from the hearing room as they were required to vote on a bill requiring mandatory fuel al-

locations for the nation on the Senate floor.

At times only one senator would be left in the hearing room to listen to and interrogate Thompson.

Testifying on the abilities and character of Thompson were Senator Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, Senator Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, Rep. Donald Young, D-Alaska, State Sen. John Sackett, D-Alaska, and Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton.

Sen. James Abourezk, D-S.D., chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Subcommittee, chaired the overall session of the full Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Thompson himself fielded a host of large questions and responded with the broad outline of the projected charac-

teristics of his BIA administration.

He was grilled lengthily on whether he would "roll back the reorganization of the BIA", whether he intended to suggest Indians for the top positions during his tenure, whether there

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Wainwright Suit Against ASHA, HUD

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Twenty-four residents of Wainwright have filed suit against the state and federal government charging that their low-income houses in the small Arctic coastal village are falling apart at the seams.

Dwellers of the Alaska State Housing Authority and the Department of Housing and Urban Development - sponsored project of 25 houses in Wainwright complain that since the spring of 1972 when the houses were

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Miss Barbara Trigg Honored-

For Humanitarian Work During Claims Effort



Barbara Trigg, a leader during the effort to achieve a settlement of the Native land claims, and a proponent of greater economic opportunities and social programs for residents of Northwest Alaska, received two separate awards for humanitarian services in Nome last week.

Nome Mayor Robert H. Renshaw proclaimed Barbara Trigg as the city's outstanding citizen for the month of November in recognition of her "outstanding record of service to the poor; the alcoholic; the unemployed; the uneducated; and those with mental health problems."

Renshaw also cited her for "time and efforts to help preserve the culture and heritage of the Alaska Native people."

A special award presentation was also made by the Northwestern Alaska Chamber of Commerce, which gave tribute to Barbara Trigg as an

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Air Security Snares Times Writer

By LAEL MORGAN

The problems of flying in the bush have increased considerably since airport security tightened to prevent hijacking. Hunters are often disgruntled by being divested of their skinning knives and firearms must be shipped with care, but mostly it is a matter of increased delay while airlines employees search the carry-on luggage.

A word of warning, though, from this writer who researched the problem all too closely recently enroute from Los Angeles to the Aleutians. The screening can get tough.

My problems began when a

Western Airlines employee told to declare my arms at the ticket counter and airlines personnel would take them from me and give them back at the end of my flight.

Dressed in my city finery, I walked into Los Angeles International airport and blithely said to the girl at the Western counter, "I have a gun."

"Don't say that so loud," she hushed. And before I knew it, two security men grabbed me by the arms and propelled me to their office where they called the Los Angeles Police Department.

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BARBARA TRIGG, honored last week as an outstanding humanitarian by the City of Nome and the Northwestern Alaska Chamber of Commerce, wielded a stone gavel while chairman of the Nome Job Development Conference in 1967. She has participated in many programs and projects designed to improve the economy, upgrade education, and meet the social needs of Northwest Alaska residents. She, along with her father Jerome Trigg, were leaders in the Native associations which achieved the settlement of the land claims.