

# 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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Jack Roderick Anchorage borough mayor; and John Carlson, mayor of the North Star Borough.

The annual affair will be held in Anchorage in the Discovery Ballroom of the new Captain Cook Hotel at 8:00 p.m. on December 17.

A cocktail hour will begin at 7:00 p.m. A pre-cocktail hour party will be held and tickets will be sold at \$100 per couple, and will include the price of banquet admission.

Tickets for the banquet will be available from the Tundra Times office in room 220 of the Chena Building in Fairbanks and from the Alaska Federation of Natives, 1675 "C" Street, in Anchorage.

Tickets will cost \$15 per person. Due to increased banquet costs over previous years, the banquet planning committee has decided not to establish a rate for couples.

Editor Rock, who will be honored at the banquet, is being secretive about the subject of his painting, which he states will remain a mystery until the evening of the banquet.

In the meantime, he is replacing dried paints with fresh oils, shopping for canvas, and easel and other artist's supplies and preparing for an exciting project for the Tundra Times and Alaskan art collectors.