

Natives at Education Meet Want Up Edgecumbe But Not Expand it

At the initial session of the Sitka education meeting yesterday, John Sackett and Mrs. Mary Jane Fate, and others, called for upgrading of the Mt. Edgecumbe High School but not to expand it.

The initial speakers also ex-

pressed a desire that establishment of a regional high school in Fairbanks be made a priority.

"The general concensus of the native delegates here seems to be the upgrading of Mt. Edgecumbe High School but not to expand

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it," said Marcelo Quinto, a delegate from the University of Alaska to the Sitka meeting.

At the morning session of the meeting yesterday, Mary Jane Fate spoke for the Fairbanks Native Association; John Sackett for the Tanana Chiefs Conference; Flore Lekanof for the Aleut League; and Mrs. Patsy Aamodt for the THEATA Club, a native student group at UA.

Charles Zellers, Assistant Commissioner or Indian Affairs under Commissioner Robert Bennett, spoke yesterday afternoon, Zeller's subject matter was not available at the time of this writing.

Marcelo Quinto said that the residents of Sitka made a very cordial reception of the delegates. Hotel reservations were made by

the Sitkans and the officials of the banks there held a reception for the group at the Moose Hall.

All the available native delegates met on Wednesday night at 9:00 p.m. to discuss views of various representatives.

"This was done so that we may make a united stand and present and air our views on local areas," Quinto said.

Quinto said that he didn't really foresee any explosive moments at the meeting although some may develop in today's session.

The conference is being co-chaired by Congressman Howard Pollock and Senator-elect Mike Gravel.

The meeting will adjourn today.