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UDALL TO STAY THROUGH OCT. 6 IN FAIRBANKS

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall said in his communication to the Tundra Times that he will attend the Tundra Times Sixth Anniversary Banquet on the evening of October 5 and remain in Fairbanks on October 6.

"I am planning to remain in Fairbanks on October 6 with the hope that this will give me

an opportunity to have a series of fruitful visits with the native leaders and other groups," said Secretary Udall.

Bert Silcock, director of the Bureau of Land Management for Alaska, said he has been notified by the Interior Department that the BLM will provide a plane and a pilot to fly Secretary Udall probably to some outlying

villages.

Silcock said the pilot will be John McCormick.

Udall said that Burke Riley, coordinator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska, was working on his schedule from the time of his landing in Fairbanks to address the Tundra times banquet audience until the time he leaves Alaska.

Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett's office in Washington had said earlier that Secretary Udall would stay in Alaska from October 5 through 8 and indicated that the Secretary would also visit some outlying areas.

In his letter to the Tundra Times, Udall did not elaborate what he meant when he said he would also visit with "other

groups."

In the meantime, Gov. Walter J. Hickel has formally confirmed his plans to attend the banquet through his press secretary Josef Holbert.

"Since you have already," he said on behalf of the Governor, "scheduled Secretary Udall as your main speaker for the

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evening, the Governor will plan to deliver supplemental remarks of 10 to 12 minutes in length."

Sen. Ernest Gruening, Sen. E.L. Bartlett, and Congressman Howard W. Pollock are expected to address the audience. Sen. Bartlett had accepted the invitation to the banquet on a "maybe" basis because of his past illnesses.

Other dignitaries, including Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, are expected to be heard.

Responses to the banquet invitations to people throughout Alaska are steadily coming in to the office of Tundra Times indicating heavy attendance at the anniversary dinner at the Switzerland.

Management of the Switzerland said that the king crab to be shipped from Kodiak Area Native Association should reach Fairbanks by October 2 to insure proper preparation of the crustaceans for the banquet. The crab shipment will be 500 pounds.

Assistant professor of the art department of the University of Alaska, Ron Senungetuk, is designing a backdrop to be hung behind the head table. He said the design would be symbolic of the Tundra Times and that it will be done "in a somewhat psychedelic style."

Mrs. Poldine Carlo and Mrs. Sally Hudson will be in charge of decorations of the banquet tables at the Switzerland. The women planned to use birch tree branches and leaves as the main item of the decorative scheme.

Fully expecting a large turnout at the banquet, the banquet committee has already made plans to seat an overflow crowd in the upper portion of Switzerland should that eventuality occur.

The masters of ceremonies will be Richard Frank, Athabaskan, formerly Chief of Minto, and Sylvester Ayek, Eskimo, of King Island and the University of Alaska.

Frank is now service director for the Alaska Village Electric Co-op with offices in Anchorage and has traveled to villages since July.

Ayek managed the Alaskaland Native Village during the summer. He is an accomplished Eskimo dancer and an able performer of difficult Eskimo games.

The entrance fee to the banquet is \$10 per person. The dress for the evening is semi-formal but this will not be strictly adhered to.

The time of the banquet is 6:30 p.m. at the Switzerland on Airport Road. The first hour will be set aside for a cocktail hour and the banquet will start at or near 7:30 p.m.