

Miss Furness in Fairbanks Today

Famous Miss Betty Furness arrived this morning at the Fairbanks International Airport for a busy round of activities.

Miss Furness will speak tonight at the Boatel. She is sponsored by the United Democrats for Humphrey, Interior Alaska.

Entrance fee for dinner at the Boatel is \$35 per couple. Cocktail hour will start at 7:00 p.m. and dinner will start at 7:30 p.m.

Betty Furness is Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Interests. She has been in this position for a little over a year. She made a reputation with Westinghouse selling refrigerators and at that time earned \$100,000 a year. Her present salary is \$26,000 per year.

Now 52 years old, this chic grandmother is 5'6" and wears a size six dress. She has brown hair, gray-green eyes and her closets are full of main designer clothes.

She was born in New York of New England parents from New Hampshire. She grew up on Park Avenue and went to Bennet School in Milburn, New York. Her mother was a decorator and her father a Union Carbide executive.

She got her first taste of broadcasting at seven when she went with her father to check on shows at NBC.

Miss Furness became a Powers model at 14 years of age and went to Hollywood at 16 and worked in pictures until she was 21. During that time she met and married Johnny Greene, the Hollywood composer and conductor.

Their daughter Barbara is married to a Smith College Professor and has a two year old son, Christopher John.

After Hollywood she tried her hand in legitimate theater and appeared in a few plays. Her second marriage was to Bud Ernst, a popular radio announcer, who died in 1950.

By that time she was a Westinghouse girl and was playing a small part in Studio One.

In her capacity as Special Assistant to the President she has initialed many consumer reforms. Miss Furness has been called the top career woman in the United States today.