

Over 100 Alaskans journey to Nuuk

In addition to the seated delegates from Alaska, about 90 other Alaska Inuit attended the ICC meeting in Nuuk, Greenland. They attended the conference in the capacities of observers, resource experts or staff.

Observers participated in workshops, where they lent their experience and knowledge of the Alaska Inuit regions to discussions about issues addressed, or they assisted with cultural presentations and danced or sang with Inuit groups.

Resource people provided expert advice on particular topics being considered during discussion of formulating official policy statements and direction for the ICC organization. Often, they assisted in creating the resolutions through which the ICC policies were adopted by the Assembly.

Staff persons provided many types of support services for the Inuit delegates from Alaska. They assisted elders, supported workshop activities, typed resolutions

and statements, ran messages, provided language translation and many other types of assistance in support of the ICC sessions.

The following individuals, Alaska Inuit, were registered in one of those categories by the first day of the 1980 Nuuk ICC session:

Arctic Slope — Katherine Brower, Waldo Bodfish, Sr., Emily Brower, Andrew Ekak, Linda Nayakik, Hannah Matoomelook, Arthur Segevan, and Ethel Patkotak.

Bering Straits — Mary Jane Tevuk, Gabriel Muktoyuk, Frances Muktoyuk, Francis Alvanna, Jerome Saclamana, Marie Saclamana, Mike Saclamana, Earl Mayak, Helen Pushruk, Simon Pushruk, Paul Tiulana, Clara Tiulana, Grace A. Pullock, Jo Putman, Bernadette Alvanna, and Helen Lee.

Calista — Moses K. Ayagalia, Barbara Nick, Chase Hensel, Mike Williams, Elsie Mather and Marie Blanchett.

NANA — Dallas Cross, Amy Adams, Peta Gregg, Gertie Vivveros, Gretchen Jessup, Susie Sun, Martin Woods, Margaret Woods, Rachel Craig, Maggie Sampson, Nina Lie, May Hawley, Judy Stein, Jackie Schaeffer, Susan Schaeffer, Emma Goodwin, Tommy Ongtooguk, Bobby Schaeffer, John Baker, June Nelson, Clara Forslund, Aggie Kowunna, Walter Kowunna and Maggie Newlin.

North Slope — Henry Nashaknik, Rev. Samuel Simmonds, Lennie Lane

III, Jens Leavitt, Derek Ahgeak, Othniel Oomittuk, Ralph Anderson, Ronald H. Brower, Mary Edwardsen, Charles Edwardsen, Sr., Donna Neakok, Alice Neakok, Edith Attungowruk, Philippe Teerik Jr., Ida Olemaun, Kathy Goodrum, Emily Nusunginya, Eilleen MacLean (and Mr. MacLean), Nuvuk Kunuk, Alice Solomon, Dorcas Thompson, Dora Stottis, Marie Pauline Adams, Sharon Brown, Emily Brower, Muriel Hopson, Mary Ellen Ahmaogak, Aggie Frankson, Mabel Panigeo, and Weir T. Negevanna.

In special categories were Theresa Pederson, researcher on arctic radiation; and Aleut Marie Matsuno, Deputy Commission of Community and Regional Affairs, Representative of Governor Hammond; and Aleut Ralph Eluska, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Interior for Indian Affairs (in his capacity as U.S. Representative to the World Council of Indigenous Peoples).

In addition, many non-Inuit from Alaska attended. Some were press representatives. Others were on film crews or consultants to the North Slope Borough (including arctic coastal zone planner Tom Smyth) and Mayor's Assistant Jon Buchholdt.

Other observers from the United States included the senior attache from the U.S. Embassy in Denmark and experts in arctic medicine from Harvard school of medicine and academic ob-

servers from several universities.

About 30 representatives of press and wire services from North American and European bureaus were on assignment during the conference. Additionally, representatives of Indian and aboriginal groups from Central and South America and Australia travelled to Greenland to observe the ICC General Assembly and workshops. Also seated as observers were leaders from North American, European and world church organizations.

Most of the Alaska Inuit travelled to Greenland on a chartered Boeing jetliner, transferring to smaller turboprop shuttle aircraft at Baffin Island in the eastern Canadian arctic to land at the short airstrip at Nuuk.

Altogether, about 150 persons travelled from Alaska to Nuuk to attend the 1980 conference.

For most, it was a 10-day trip, including 24 or more hours travel time each way.