

AOGA to Foot Expenses for Native Dancers

The Alaska Oil and Gas Association will participate in the Alaska Trade and Travel Fair in Los Angeles by helping underwrite expenses of Alaska Native performers who will be key attractions at the promotion scheduled for March 7-15 at Century City.

Through the Alaska Business Council, the association of petroleum companies active in Alaska will share costs of meals and lodging for the King Island Eskimo dancers of Nome and the Chilkat Indian dancers of Haines.

The City of Nome and Alaska Airlines are also sharing living and transportation costs for the King Islanders.

Western Airlines will furnish transportation for the Chilkat performers. AOGA will also underwrite travel and living expenses for two individual Eskimo performers who figure prominently in coordination and promotion plans for the Alaska exhibition.

They are Laura Bergt, seven-time Eskimo Olympic blanket toss champion, and Sylvester Ayak, an outstanding performer and athlete, now attending the University of Alaska.