

# "Nationhood" conference

Native and minority leaders from widely separated locations will gather in Kotzebue next month to discuss different concepts of "Nationhood" with students participating in the Institute Arctica program.

Representatives will include Hans Paviaroseing from Greenland, President of the Innuir Circumpolar Conference; Gerald Wilkinson, the Executive Director of the National Indian Youth Council; Bernice Robinson of Black Nationhood; Ramona Bennet, former

tribal chairwoman of the Pu-yallup Indians of Washington State, Willie Valiquez, head of the Southwest Voter Registration Project representing Chicano Nationhood, and others.

Alaskan Natives participating in Institute Arctica include Eugene Brower, the Mayor of North Slope Borough; Delores Padilla, director of education for the Kodiak Area Native Association; Bobby Schaeffer, chairman of the Northwest Arctic Board of Education;

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Willie Hensley, chairman of the United Bank of Alaska and NANA Development Corp. president and others.

Following the theme, "Towards Inupiaq Nationhood," students will study the concept of Nationhood by studying different political entities, including the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, the North Slope Borough, Black, and Native American.

The meetings, to be held during the week of Feb.

7-13, will be video taped with six half-hour instructional programs to be produced afterward.

Institute Arctica intends to make students more aware of their own role as members of an Inupiat Nation in the NANA region, and to better prepare them for the crucial days following 1991, when Native lands and business interests now protected will be opened up to taxes and the free market.