

Federated Group Meets Jan. 19-20

The newly formed Federation of Native Associations will hold a meeting of its Board of Directors in Fairbanks on January 19 and 20th, according to Floré Lekanoŋ, chairman of the group.

Lekanoŋ said the first day of the meeting would be spent drafting constitutional by-laws and other detailed business of the new federation of associations. He said the remainder of the meeting will be devoted to formulating recommendations for the coming session of the legislature, and the functions of federal and state agencies rendering services in rural areas and their problems.

Expected to attend the meeting are other officers: William Hensley, vice-chairman, Shirley Broggden, secretary.

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Carol Bahr, secretary, and Ruby Tansey, secretary, and 22 board members representing the presidents of various associations around the state, including members for at-large areas.

Lekanof said other topics coming up for discussion will be Gov. Hickel's proposal for a Department of Native Affairs, and the atomic energy commission's proposal to undertake atomic underground testing in Alaska.

Special guests at the meeting will be Mr. William Byler, American Association of Indian Affairs; Walter Soboloff, Alaska Native Brotherhood; John Horbridge, Tlingit-Haida at-large group, and Mr. Cheno, of the American Congress of Indians.