

Times Board Declares Banquet Commemoration for Dr. Forbes

The Board of Directors of the Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Co. that publishes the Tundra Times, has designated the newspaper's 6th Anniversary Banquet on October 5 as a commemoration and appreciation event to the late Dr. Henry S. Forbes who died on August 15.

Dr. Forbes was instrumental in the founding of the Tundra Times and had supported the paper financially to the day he died. The first edition came off the press on October 1, 1962.

The plans for the banquet and their implementations have

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begun to roll. The banquet committee headed by board member Gerald Ivey, has made a recommendation to the Board of Directors that the banquet be held at Switzerland, a supper club on the Airport Way in Fairbanks.

The recommendation was approved by the board on August 22. The management of the Switzerland has informed the committee that the entire lower floor of the supper club will accommodate 500 people.

A combination invitation card and brochure is under preparation and the invitation committee headed by Miss Rhoda Forslund expects to send out invitations starting in about a week from today.

The cover for the invitation-brochure card was designed by the eminent Eskimo artist Ron Senungetuk, assistant professor of art at the University of Alaska.

The editor of Tundra Times, Howard Rock, is presently working to line up a banquet keynote speaker and the person picked is expected to be a nationally known dignitary.

The Alaska Federation of Natives has set its annual statewide conference date to take place in Fairbanks on October 5-6 coinciding it with the banquet. That conference alone is expected to draw about 250 native leaders from all corners of the state.

President of the Central Council of the Tlingit-Haida Indians, John Borbridge, has firmed up plans to bring his seven-man executive committee.

"The committee agreed unanimously to meet in Fairbanks during the AFN conference and the Tundra Times banquet," said Borbridge.

Borbridge said that several local Central Council units were also planning to send representatives to the banquet.

"Many of us in the Southeastern are looking forward to the event and we are speculating as to whom the keynoter or speakers will be.

"I also look forward to meeting my friends from other areas of Alaska to have the opportunity to meet with and getting to know my fellow executive committee members on the Central Council on a more personal basis," said Borbridge.

The Chief Executive of the State of Alaska, Gov. Walter J. Hickel, has already committed himself to be present at the October 5 banquet, as are Sen. Ernest Gruening, and Congressman Howard W. Pollock. Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett has accepted tentatively and on a "maybe" basis because of ill health for the past several months.

About 35 Village VISTA Associate trainees who will be training in Fairbanks around the banquet date have asked for reservations.

The Tundra Times is in the process of getting confirmation from the Kodiak Area Native Association's Harry Carter who previously offered to ship 500 pounds of king crab for the banquet fare.

Thomas Johnson, president of the Northwestern Reindeer Processing Co., Nome, is being contacted to see if he could make about 150 pounds of prime reindeer meat available and if so, it will be made into huge pots of stew.

The entrance fee to the banquet has been set at \$10 per person. The money realized will go toward helping the Tundra Times financially and to pay for the banquet.

Additional funds will be sought by selling Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Co. stock. Special table for this purpose will be set up at the banquet hall on the evening of the October 5 banquet.