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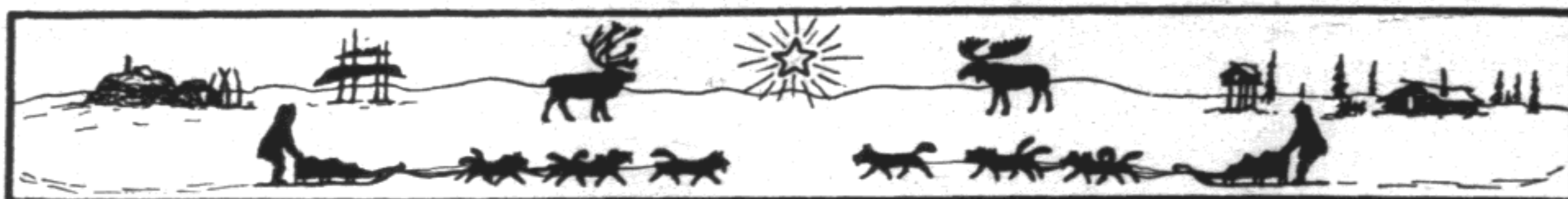
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GLITTER, HUMOR AT BANQUET

Notables, Amusements Frolic Through Times Anchorage Banquet

They were all there. The notables, the congressmen, the legislators, the native leaders—all the ingredients for what is coming to be known as the event of the year in Anchorage.

Yet the evening wasn't for them. As was indicated by the decor especially created for the Tundra Times Banquet, and as was pointed out by the main speaker of the evening, all had gathered together to honor the cultural contributions of the Alaska Natives.

A tribute to the new-born, native musk ox industry was noted as Laura Bergt gracefully modeled a gown of qiviut wool, valued at \$1,000.

A unique publication, entitled, "Graphic Arts of the Alaskan Eskimo" and authored by Mrs. Dorothy Jean Ray was presented for the first time to the capacity audience that attended the banquet at the Anchorage-Westward Hotel Ballroom October 4.

Safe Water Act Passes Senate

The Alaska Village Safe Water Facilities Act passed the Senate Wednesday as an amendment to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) and Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), the original co-sponsors of the amendment said the program will now go to a Senate-House conference committee.

Stevens said the safe water provision was certain to receive close scrutiny in the committee.

The Stevens-Kennedy amendment to authorize safe water facilities for Alaska villages was co-sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) and Senators Milton Young (R-N. Dakota), Walter Mondale (D-Minn.) Ralph Smith (R-Ill.), Steven Young (D-Ohio), George McGovern (D-S. Dakota), Harold Hughes (D-Iowa), and Harrison William, Jr. (D-N.J.).

The Alaska Village Safe Water Facilities Act if approved will provide for a federal expenditure of \$5 million the first year and additional amounts as required over the next three years, to establish a central source of clean, safe water in Alaska villages.

The bill also provides for an educational program to assist the villages to maintain safe water supplies. The systems will be turned over to the villages.

"In no way should this act be misinterpreted as a replacement for any long-range program..." Stevens said.

Indeed, it was a tribute to native artists, yet it was certainly a lively tribute. Tundra Times Editor Howard Rock set the stage for an evening of humor.

He introduced the Governor; he introduced Mrs. Vincent Price, who sat at the Governor's left, and then proceeded: "At Mrs. Miller's left... At Mr. Miller's left..." This was certainly an indication of Editor Rock's joy at the apparent success of the dinner.

As Emil Notti, President of the Alaska Federation of Natives, rose to speak, he received a standing ovation.

Notti noted: "Howard Rock has a knack for getting together the liveliest audiences. Even a comedian couldn't go wrong if he tried."

Sylvester Ayek, manager of the Anchorage A-Frame, and Jim Thomas, of Yakutat, were the masters of ceremonies.

The humorous tone of the banquet took pause briefly as

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DRAMATIC POINT—Famed actor, Vincent Price, keynote speaker at the Tundra Times banquet last Saturday in Anchorage, dramatically drives home a point during his address on the cultures of all peoples. Price, along with General Ramsey Clark, former U.S. Attorney General, and other speakers, enthralled a crowd of 600 people that filled every seat in the spacious Anchorage-Westward Hotel Ballroom. Along with serious matters, much humor was apparent. In front of Price is Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times, and Emil Notti, right, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

—THOMAS RICHARDS, JR. Photograph

Sweeping Reforms Affected in AFN Organizational Structure

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One of the most significant

President Nixon Calls Barrow's Sadie Neakok

Mrs. Sadie Neakok, the magistrate at Barrow, was very much bewildered by a call she received there Monday. The call was identified as coming from the White House and contained an invitation for her to attend a President's conference in Washington later this month.

Mrs. Neakok was told she was to be the Eskimo who was to represent all of the northern Eskimos at the conference.

"I answered the phone and kept saying wait a minute. He told me that I was one of 400 people from all over the country," she told Tundra Times.

Almost as in disbelief, Mrs. Neakok asked the caller to identify himself: "He said it was Mr. Nixon. I just couldn't say any-

actions taken by the Alaska Federation of Natives during their fourth annual convention in Anchorage last weekend brought

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MRS. SADIE NEAKOK

about sweeping reforms within that organization.

Responding to an appeal by AFN President Emil Notti for "badly needed" reforms, a resolution for the incorporation of AFN and for reappointment of the board of directors was introduced Friday.

Speaking in favor of the resolution, President Emil Notti stated, "AFN is not really representative of its members on a regional basis. We have some really serious problems with representation."

Alfred Ketzler, President of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, added his support. "We must recognize that changes have to be worked out," he said.

Limited opposition came from some of the smaller native organizations which, under the old structure, had the same vote as did the other organizations having larger membership.

Sam Kito, Jr., president of the Fairbanks Native Association, stated, "If enacted, FNA would

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Possibility of ASNA Legal Action Remains

Eben Hopson, executive director of the Arctic Slope Native Association, stated Monday that organization would refuse to grant a waiver to the Trans Alaska Pipeline System to lands claimed by ASNA.

In telegrams to Chairman Wayne Aspinall, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; Senator Henry Jackson, Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and Secretary of the Interior, Walter J. Hickel, Hopson said, "News-papers indicate you are considering lifting the land freeze for the pipeline right of way and stipulations have been issued to protect our lands."

"These are our lands. We refuse to waive our rights to these lands unless and until we are assured of protection and consulted of the stipulations mentioned."

In late September, the Arctic Slope Native Association requested Interior Secretary Hickel, as guardian of American aboriginal tribes, to eject the State of Alaska and its lessees from the North Slope and lands claimed by ASNA.

ASNA represents some four thousand Eskimos living on Alaska's Arctic North Slope. It is widely believed that unless the Interior Secretary Hickel and the State become responsive to the demands of North Slope Eskimos, ASNA may begin legal action to protect rights to the lands which they claim.

(Editor's Note: The story and pipeline stipulations are printed on page 2).

Sen. Stevens Urges Ford Foundation To Grant AFN

Alaska Senator Ted Stevens has urged the Ford Foundation to give careful and favorable consideration to a request by the Alaska Federation of Natives for a study grant to be used in connection with the settlement of the land claims issue.

Stevens said the grant would be utilized to hire the expertise of economic and social experts.

"This study is of great importance to the people of my state," Stevens said in a letter to McGeorge Bundy, president of the Ford Foundation. He continued, "it is needed to help the native people of Alaska meet their urgent needs and fully utilize the opportunities that will become available to them during the next decade."

The Alaska Republican noted that legislation presently being

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