

# 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 iden-

tify himself: "He said it was Mr. Nixon. I just couldn't say any-

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thing more."

"I was so excited, I couldn't be myself any more after that," she added.

"This is how I got the invitation. I never expected anything this important to go over the phone," Mrs. Neakok said.

The Barrow Eskimo woman stated she was among three Alaska Natives invited to attend the White House Conference on nutrition and the high cost of living, scheduled for October 25 to 29.

"The President asked me if I had heard about his program on the high cost of living. I think he wants to bring the prices down," she stated.

Mrs. Neakok was asked if she would attend: "I have my duties but I just couldn't say no to the President. It was such an important call. It was such a responsibility."

The Barrow Eskimo woman now serves her people as district magistrate. She has an impressive and long record of fighting to better education among native youth.

Mrs. Neakok belongs to a well known Barrow family and is the daughter of the famed Charlie Brower.

Mrs. Neakok is one of two Alaska Natives invited to the White House Conference. Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, was also contacted by the White House and invited to attend.