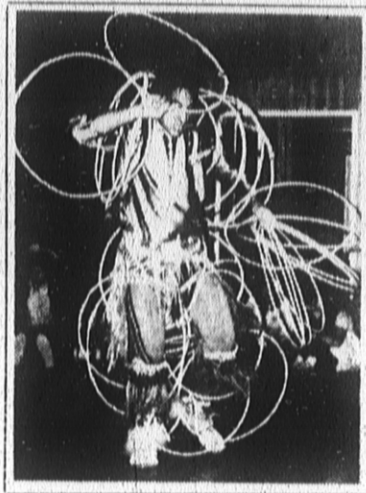


Indigenous Council in Fairbanks July 26-28



Kevin Locke, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, performs the Lakota Sioux Hoop Dance. photo by Nancy Korn

FAIRBANKS—An estimated 500 Native Americans and their guests are expected to gather in Fairbanks at the Tanana Valley Fairgrounds July 26-28 for the fourth Continental Indigenous Council.

The Council is being sponsored by the National Spiritual Assemblies of the Baha'is of Alaska, Canada and the United States. This cross-cultural gathering will be open to people of all races and religions, but its emphasis will be on a sharing of Native cultures and on education, both spiritual and material.

Activities will include workshops on topics such as social and economic develop-

ment, healing the drug and alcohol abuser, parenting, leadership, and Native art and music. Speakers will include Native elders and Baha'i dignitaries from Alaska, Canada and the Lower 48.

Because 1985 is the International year of the Youth, the first day of the Council is being

dedicated to the youth—the leaders of tomorrow. Special programs are also being planned for both children and youth.

One of the highlights of the Council will be the pow-wow on Saturday evening, July 27. Native singers and dancers will not only share their traditional dances, but will also invite the audience to join in. Everyone is invited to attend the pow-wow, which will be free of charge.

This is the first Continental Indigenous Council to be held in

Alaska. Past Councils have taken place on the Yakima Indian Reservation in Washington; at the Baha'i House of Worship in Wilmette, Illinois; and on the Blood Reserve in Canada. This Council is being planned by a committee made up of Natives from Alaska, Canada and the Lower 48.

For more information on the Council, write the Continental Indigenous Council Committee, Box 1262, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707; or call 457-7808 or 456-1936.