

Native women hold statewide conference this week

Dr. Shirley Hill Witt, a Mohawk Indian who is director of the Rocky Mountain Regional office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, will give the keynote speech at the Alaska Native

Women's Statewide Organization 2nd Annual Convention on May 21, 22, and 23.

Theme for the convention is "Alaska Native Women: A Voice Together." The convention includes election of regional board members, workshops on contemporary leadership training, educational systems and the relationship between parent and child, jobs and careers for Native women, violence against Native women, the effect of alcoholism

on Native women and their families, and corporations and politics as they effect women.

The convention begins May 20 with registration from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The welcome address and keynote address are at 9 a.m. May 21 and the president's report will be presented at 1 p.m. May 21.

A Native dress review will be presented along with Native dancers and family dancing at 7 p.m. May 21.

More workshops, election of the new board of directors of the group, and speakers' panels will be held the afternoon of May 22.

The convention ends on May 23 with a luncheon with guest speaker Dr. Jean Davis, Superintendent of the Anchorage School District. The luncheon is at noon in the Kuskokwim Room and costs \$8.75.

Friday evening story telling will be held at 7 p.m. Friday

evening. Emily Brown, Walter Williams, Poldine Carlo and Alfred Stephin will preside. Cost is \$2 per person.

Also schedule for Friday is the ANWSO fund-raising dance which begins at 10 p.m. in the Anchorage Sheraton in the Howard Rock Ballroom. Music will be provided by the Sultans. Cost is \$5 per person and \$9 per couple.

All events are in the Anchorage Sheraton.