

Editorial—

Timing Is Crucial For AFN Conference

We, of course, don't know what the native land claims situation will be by the time the Alaska Federation of Natives annual conference is convened here for three days beginning October 8. There may be lightning fast developments on the progress of the claims in Congress, or there might be developments of delaying tactics that would bog down the complex progress of the land issue. Whichever way we look at it, this annual conference of the statewide native group is a crucial one as far as timing is concerned.

Whatever situations develop during the conference, it will be a period for soul searching and stellar efforts by all concerned. It may be the time where historic events occur. It may be a period for disappointments where trying efforts may be the order of the day.

Whatever situations offer themselves before the assembled leaders of the native people, we are, as usual, confident that our men and women and their friends will be equal to the occasion. The group is a highly sophisticated one with sound judgement and ability to meet difficult situations.

Also, we join our people back home in wishing the AFN leaders significant successes in their difficult endeavors on behalf of their people.