

# **Less Than 50 Banquet Tickets Left**

At the TUNDRA TIMES deadline on Tuesday, there were less than 50 tickets left to the ninth annual TUNDRA TIMES Banquet, which is a strong indication that the event will be sold out.

Mrs. Jeane Dixon, famed prophetess and astrologer, has notified Editor Howard Rock that she will arrive from New York on Saturday's Pan Am flight to speak on the theme "Children: Our Innocent Heirs."

Preceded by a cocktail hour beginning at 7:00 p.m., the banquet will begin Saturday at 8:00

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p.m. in the Traveler's Inn Ballroom. Mrs. Dixon has consented to answer questions after presenting her speech.

James Thomas, the "Eloqlint Tlingit" who delighted audiences during past banquets, has accepted an invitation to be the Master of Ceremonies again this year. Thomas now has his own consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

Donations of food are arriving this week for the exclusively Alaskan meal. 250 pounds of sheefish and arctic char will be provided by the Kotzebue Sound Area Fishery Co-op, Inc.

Arrangements for the donation were made by Co-op manager Wilfred Land and State Rep. Ed Naughton (Dem.-Kodiak). Naughton is chairman of the new and effective caucus of bush legislators.

"Mr. Reindeer," Thomas Johnson of Nome, has again volunteered two whole, boned reindeer for the stew. Johnson, veteran herder and well-known Northwest Alaska businessman, has pleased diners with his tasty reindeer during past banquets. Johnson is owner of the Northwest Reindeer Processing Company.

The banquet will begin with an invocation from Father Nicholas Kompkoff. Father Kompkoff, an Aleut, is the Russian Orthodox priest at Tyonek.

Entertainment during the evening will be provided by a team of Chipewa-Cree dancers from the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation in Montana. The dancers will also be performing before delegates to the convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

John Angaiak, an Eskimo from Bethel who is earning his way through the University of Alaska by composing and singing folk songs, will sing three

song in the Yupick dialect. Angaiak was well received last year when he sang at the banquet in Anchorage.

The banquet will climax a historic meeting of the Alaska Federation of Natives which begins in Fairbanks on Friday. Many of the nearly 300 delegates from Native villages throughout the state are expected to attend the feast.

Other dignitaries planning on being at the affair include Governor and Mrs. William A. Egan, Senator Mike Gravel, Congressman Nick Begich, former Congressman Howard Pollock, former Governor and Mrs. Keith Miller, BIA Area Director Morris Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Eben Hopson, State Senators Jay Hammond, Terry Miller, and Willie Hensley, Fairbanks Mayor Julian Rice, Lt. Governor H.A. "Red" Boucher, University of Alaska President Dr. William R. Wood, North Star Borough Chairman John Carlson, and AFN President Donald R. Wright.

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Dixon will be hosted at a luncheon reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bergt, where she will meet members of the TUNDRA TIMES board of directors and the paper's staff.

From a rather modest beginning the TUNDRA TIMES banquet has achieved a special status among Alaska dinners. It is everything from an occasion when prospective political candidates try to make an appearance to an opportunity to greet old acquaintances.

TUNDRA TIMES Editor Howard Rock, having corresponded over a period of many months with Jeane Dixon, has now gained enough confidence to predict that the ninth annual TUNDRA TIMES Banquet will be the event of the year in Alaska.