

State Chamber's 27th annual meeting to be in Fairbanks Oct. 1 through 4

The challenging aspects of business in Alaska will be the focus of the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce's 27th Annual Convention in Fairbanks Oct. 1-4.

Entitled "Alaska's Economy — Challenging and Exciting," the convention's sessions will be held at Alaskaland. The Travelers Inn has been designated as the headquarters hotel.

The 4th annual "Operation Tie-In" will open the four-day gathering at 9 a.m. on Oct. 1. Representatives from local chambers throughout Alaska will present their communities' legislative priorities, helping to form the state chamber's overall legislative strategy for 1987.

"This is probably one of the most comprehensive legislative panel discussions for the year and should be attended by all those interested in learning more about the people's priorities for the state," said George Krusz, state chamber president.

On Oct. 2, leaders from the mining and petroleum industries will discuss Alaska's resources.

Featured panelists for "Fairbanks, Alaska's Interior, and its Resource Potential" include: Standard Alaska Production President George Nelson, Mapco Petroleum Vice President Buki Wright, Conoco Manager John Kemp, Nerco Minerals President Lonnie Heiner, Cominco Ltd. Chairman Norman Anderson, Usibelli Coal President Joe Usibelli and Natural Resources Commissioner Esther Wunnicke.

Donald O'Dowd, University of Alaska president, will moderate the afternoon's session, "University of Alaska and Business."

Focusing on Alaska's transportation

and economy, the morning session of Oct. 3 will be devoted to presentations by Alaska Railroad Corp. President Frank Turpin, Alaska Airlines Executive Vice President Ray Vecci, Totem Ocean Trailer Express President Bob McMillen, Revenue Commissioner Mary Nordale and Alaska Pacific Bank economist Scott Hawkins.

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger has been invited to address the Oct. 3 noon luncheon, followed in the afternoon by a general session, "Military and Alaska."

Army Gen. G.H. Bethke of Fort Richardson, Air Force Gen. D.L. Nichols of Elmendorf Air Force Base and Coast Guard Rear Adm. R.S. Lucas of Juneau will speak.

Also featured will be an intelligence briefing by a team from the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii, headed by Lt. Gen. Bill Schneider, deputy chief of staff.

A general session, "Politics and Alaska," will conclude the convention Oct. 4, with presentations by candidates for governor, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.