

Tundra Times to Hold Its Banquet Oct. 3 in Fairbanks as Planned

The board of directors of Tundra Times at last Friday's monthly meeting voted to hold its annual promotional and anniversary banquet in Fairbanks as planned.

The crux of the discussion by the board was the recent decision of the Alaska Federation of Natives board of directors to hold the annual AFN convention in Anchorage immediately prior to the National Congress of American Indians annual convention that will be held in Anchorage

this year on October 18, and which will last for a week.

For the past two years, the AFN annual convention has been held in conjunction with the Tundra Times banquet which falls on the first Saturday in October. The date this year is October 3.

The Times' board, however, reserved the possibility of having a second banquet in Anchorage if such an event proves feasible.

Last year, the newspaper's board voted that each political year the banquet be held in Fairbanks and the off year in some other city in Alaska. Under this decision last year's banquet was held in Anchorage which proved to be highly successful.

The AFN board's decision to hold the federation convention in Anchorage this year was based on the fact that it would probably prove to be too costly for many of the native people to go to two events in the same month.

The site of this year's Times

banquet has not been firmed up as yet but it is conjectured that it might be held at the Civic Center at Alaskaland. The theme of the banquet will be "Communications."

A special committee is in the process of picking out the winner of a number of submissions on the banquet theme conducted in a contest form earlier by the newspaper. The winning theme will receive two free tickets to the banquet.

The search for a nationally known figure to keynote the banquet is in progress. The initial banquet four years ago was keynoted by Joe Rothstein, the then executive editor of the Anchorage Daily News.

Two years ago, Stewart L. Udall, then Secretary of the Interior, was the keynoter. He announced the "deep freeze" on lands in Alaska at that banquet.

In Anchorage last October, Vincent Price, the famous actor, was the keynoter.