Tundra Times Annual Banquet in Anchorage

Plans for the annual Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. convention are progressing. One slight change has been made in the convention plans; and that is, the convention site has been moved from the Anchorage Westward Hotel to the Captain Cook Hotel.

Main speakers for the first day of the convention include: Gov. William A. Egan, Keynote address; Terry Miller, President of the Alaska State Senate, "The Legislature and Rural Programs;" Morris Thompson, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, "Trust Relationship;" Byron Mallott, State Commissioner, Department of Regional and Community Affairs, "Pipeline Impact;" State Senator William L. Hensley, "Review of the Statewide Organization;" and Jay Rabinowitz, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, "Justice in the Bush."

The second day of the convention will cover: a general session in the mroning dealing with discussions on "Manpower and Economic Development; and the afternoon will be taken up with ceremonies on certification of the Alaska Native Enrollment and the Transfer of Funds to the Regional Corporations with the Department of the Interior officials conducting the ceremonies.

The social highlight of the convention will be the Tundra Times/AFN sponsored banquet to be held in the ballroom of the Captain Cook Hotel. The event will feature Sargent Shriver as guest speaker and the auctioning off of a painting by Howard Rock. The last day of the convention will see resolutions presented on a number of issues; mainly, health, education, and social services.

Response from the regional corporations has been very good, and it is expected that most, if not all, the regional corporations will be bringing in their respective boards for meetings to be held just prior to the convention. More information is available by contacting the AFN office or your regional corporation office.