

***Federation Footnotes—***

# **Anchorage to Host Annual AFN Meet**

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The annual meeting of Alaska Federation of Natives is scheduled for October 19-20-21 at Anchorage.

It is extremely important that the various organizations and villages select their representatives for this meeting. There will be many important issues discussed at this conference and it is important that all areas of Alaska be represented.

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENTS**

*The Village Council Presidents conference held at Bethel*

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# AFN MEET AT ANCHORAGE . . .

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*last week was attended by Seraphim Stephan and Lecon Chuit from Tyonek, Don Wright of Cook Inlet Native Association, and Elva Naanes of AFN.*

*The entire constitution and by-laws of AFN was reviewed verbatim in Eskimo interpreted by Phillip Guy and Honorable Senator Ray Christiansen. There were 32 representatives and chiefs of 52 villages from the lower Yukon and Kuskokwim River areas at the meeting. Minor amendments to the constitution will be recommended at the October AFN meeting by the chiefs.*

## CONCERN

Clifford Groh, attorney for Kuskokwim Valley Native Association, made a report on land claims and the importance of Native Unity on a statewide basis. Nathan Toots also made recommendations for future consideration.

Statewide native concern is focussed on the \$44,000 appropriated for Rural Affairs and resolutions are being passed requesting the Governor to authorize transportation expenses for all chiefs and leaders from villages in the State.

The meeting could be important to the state and native people if a true compromise bill is a result of this meeting.