

ANB/ANS make final convention plans

Plans are in the final stages for the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood convention, to be held in Sitka from October 9 through 14.

The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood is the oldest formally organized Indian organization in America. It was organized in 1912 and has functioned continuously since. It is credited with winning many gains for Alaska Native people, and fostered early efforts to bring about land rights recognition.

From 250 to 300 persons are expected to attend the week-long convention. Candidates for Governor, the U.S. Senate, and U.S. House of Representatives have been invited to address the convention, and other state candidates are expected to attend.

Representatives from the Tlingit and Haida Central Council, Sealaska Corporation, and the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation are also expected to attend.

The Sitka ANB hall will be open for delegate registration on October 8. The convention will convene October 9 at 9 a.m. The convention theme is, "Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood, The People's Advocate." The local ANB/ANS Camps will host a welcome dinner the evening of October 9, 1978.

The local camps have established a housing committee to assist delegates and visitors with arrangements. Persons wishing to make housing arrangements may write Henry Benson, P.O. Box 373, Sitka, Alaska 99835, or call Florence Eddy at 747-8380 in Sitka.