

# Kake Potlatch To Be Historic Totem Event

The community of Kake in southeastern Alaska is sponsoring a potlatch to celebrate the raising of a 136-foot tall totem pole, claimed to be the world's largest.

The pole was first displayed in Osaka, Japan during the World's Fair as representative of Alaskan art work.

The potlatch, which is a gift-giving and feasting occasion, will be sponsored by the Kake Community Action Council.

Gordon Jackson, director of the Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program, stated that a 20-acre park in Kake has been established for the totem as a result of six years of planning and fund raising.

He also commented that the last authentic Alaskan potlatch was held in 1904 at Sitka before the practice was discouraged by missionaries and territorial officials. Kake is a Tlingit village located on the northwest coast of Kupreanof Island.