

Bennett Calls Juneau Conference of Villages October 19-21 on Problems

Commissioner Robert L. Bennett of the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced last weekend plans for a series of regional meetings with Indian tribal leaders to discuss proposals for legislation and other matters of general interest to the Indian people.

Such a meeting is planned in Juneau on October 19 through 21 and, presumably, all native villages are expected to participate. The itin-

erary listed it in this manner:

"Oct. 19-21, 1966 Juneau, Alaska—All native villages in the State of Alaska."

Commissioner Bennett said the nine meetings would "help us to prepare and present to the Congress proposals that represent the best of Indian thinking on how to attack Indian problems."

"We need to take advantage of the favorable climate," he continued, "in Indian affairs

created by the President, the Secretary of the Interior and the Congress, which is reflected in the news media, to present a forward-looking program to the Congress."

The Commissioner said he would attend all of the nine meetings. He has asked the Indian delegations to come to the meetings prepared to discuss:

"(1) the present conditions

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of your people; (2) the MAJOR problems as you see them; (3) your ideas and recommendations about meeting these problems through your own and other resources."

The date, place and area involved in each meeting are as follows:

Oct. 3-5, Minneapolis, Minn.—All tribes in the States of: Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska; Except: Devil's Lake, Standing Rock, Ft. Berthold, Turtle Mountain.

Oct. 5-7, Billings, Mont.—Devil's Lake, Turtle Mountain, Standing Rock, Ft. Berthold and all tribes in the States of Wyoming and Montana except: Flathead and Blackfeet.

Oct. 9-11, Washington, D.C.—Cherokee and Seminole.

Oct. 17-19, Spokane, Wash.—Blackfeet and Flathead and all tribes in the States of: Washington, Oregon, Idaho.

Oct. 19-21, Juneau, Alaska—All native villages in the State of Alaska.

Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, Oklahoma City, Okla.—All tribes in the State of Oklahoma and Choctaw, Miss.; Potawatomi, Kans.

Nov. 2-4, Window Rock, Ariz.—Navajo.

Nov. 21-23, Albuquerque, N. Mex.—All tribes in the States of: New Mexico, Colorado.

Nov. 28-30, Las Vegas, Nev.—All tribes in the States of: Nevada, Utah, California, Arizona, except Navajo.