

10th Annual AFN Convention

A decade of hard work and achievement will be celebrated at the 10th annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives to be held October 21 - 23 at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage.

The three-day conference includes a heavy dose of issue-oriented workshops as well as marking 10 years of accomplishments for Alaska's Native people.

Stewart L. Udall, former U.S. Secretary of Interior, during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, is the featured keynote speaker. He will address the convention at 11 a.m. Saturday. That same evening he will be an honored guest at the annual

Tundra Times Banquet.

Udall's presence at the convention will serve as a reminder of the crucial role played by the former Interior Secretary in the resolution of the Land Claim's Settlement when he declared the land freeze.

Also addressing the convention during the three days will be Alaska Governor Jay Hammond, and the state's U.S. Congressional delegation: Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Mike Gravel and Congressman Don Young.

AFN President Sam Kito doesn't expect any sparks of controversy to ignite at the convention. He anticipates a "regular convention" with work

the order of the three days.

What has happened in the 10 years since the organization of the AFN has dramatically touched the life of this state's Native population.

AFN Board member Jack Wick sees the anniversary as an opportune time to look backward and assess and to look forward and plan. "We are probably able to recognize the steps of progress we've made in 10 years. Now we have to see where we are, and how much further we have to go."

Resolutions from the bush justice conference held in Kenai last weekend will be sure to surface during convention

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workshop discussions. Raising high ceilings at the Kenai conference were the matter of subsistence hunting, local control of law enforcement, and local control of fish and game.

Delegates will be faced with a heavy choice of nine workshops slated for Thursday and Friday afternoons. The workshops will cover a wide variety of topics focusing specifically on outer-continental shelf, land-resources, technical assistance, health and social services, revenue sharing, telecommunications, education, manpower and limited entry.

Conventioneers will have a chance to relax Friday night at a potlatch planned by the Cook Inlet Native Association. It will begin at 6 p.m. at the Fort Richardson's Officer's club. The CINA Potlatch has always been a festive occasion and this year will be no exception. There are plans for 2½ hours of various cultural dances performed by statewide Native groups. Further information concerning the potlatch may be obtained by calling Mae Stanley at CINA at 278-4641.