

Hensley Accepts Invitation to Paris

Rep. Willie Hensley, D-Kotzebue, has accepted an invitation to a four-day congress scheduled for November 24 through 27 in Paris, France.

The theme of the congress, sponsored by the Foundation Francaise d'Etudes Nordiques, is entitled "Arctic Development and the Future of the Eskimo Societies."

Dr. Jean Malaurie, Director of the Center for Arctic and Finnish-Scandinavian Studies, told Hensley the objective of the congress was to compare the different social, economic, cultural, administrative and technical problems affecting Eskimo population in the northern Arctic regions of the world.

Hensley was requested to present a 30-page paper entitled: "Alaskan ownership, land claims, economic participation of the Eskimos to the economic development."

In his letter of invitation, Dr.

Malaurie told Hensley, "Different specialists from such various fields as research organisms and Civil Services together with representatives of the Eskimo populations themselves will be participating in the debates on these problems.

"We would be extremely honored if you would agree to collaborate..."

Commenting on the trip, Hensley said, "It is not everyday that the Eskimo people are the subject of an international conference.

"There will be people there from all of the nations having Eskimos—the U.S., U.S.S.R., Canada, and Denmark. The most interesting people to me will be those other Eskimos scheduled to give papers during the conference—as it is infrequent that we in Alaska get the chance to observe the thinking of others along the polar rim."