

# Colorful FNA Potlatch to Be On March 17

FAIRBANKS — For the first time in its five year history the annual Fairbanks Native Association potlatch, held in conjunction with the North American Sled Dog Championships will be open to the general public.

The potlatch will be held at the Monroe High School gymnasium beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, March 17. Native food and Native dancing from the far corners of Alaska will be the feature of the evening as Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts host one of the biggest parties to be held in Fairbanks

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during this Centennial year.

In the past, the potlatch has only been open to Native families and a few invited guests; but this year the Fairbanks Native Association has decided to throw the doors open to everybody, as one of the group's contributions to Alaska's 100th anniversary since the purchase of "Russian America" from the Czar.

Such delicacies as beaver tail, muktuk, roast moose and Eskimo ice cream will be on the menu. Indian dancers from Interior villages and Southeastern Alaska will perform, as well as Eskimos from the Arctic Coast. A special invitation has been issued to Indian people from the "Lower 48" states to join the festivities and perform tribal dances.

Various Native arts and Crafts will be on sale in a booth at the potlatch.

Natives attending the potlatch are asked to wear authentic costumes to add to the

color of the celebration.

Tickets to the potlatch will go on sale Friday, March 10, at the following Fairbanks establishments:

Perdue Jeweler

Pastime Barber Shop

Jean's Fabric Shop

The potlatch has proved to be the ideal place for the visitors of the outlying villages to renew their old acquaintances with those people who have left the villages to live in Fairbanks.

An extended invitation is open to all out-of-town persons wishing to attend the potlatch. For tickets, they may write to the Fairbanks Native Association, P.O. Box 67, Fairbanks.

Tickets are \$2.50, with only persons over 16 years of age being admitted due to space limitations.