

# AMU to Host Conference on Alaskan History June 8-10

Dr. Robert A. Frederick, professor of history at Alaska Methodist University, has been named director of the Conference on Alaskan History to be held on the AMU campus June 8-10. The conference has been funded by the National Endowment on the Humanities, the Service Center for Teachers of History of the American Historical Association, and Alaska Methodist University.

The conference during the Alaska Purchase Centennial, composed of a dozen scholar-specialists from over the United States and Canada and 40 elementary and secondary public school teachers, will evaluate the status of Alaskan historical scholarship.

Frederick said that the goals of the conference will be (1) to clarify the status of Alaskan history for public school teachers and encourage

closer attention to historical scholarship by social studies instructors in general;

(2) to indicate opportunities for research, study, and publication;

(3) to stimulate, in Alaska, an interest in Alaskan history by introducing principal historians to Alaskan invited public officials;

(4) to encourage additional research and writing in Alaskan history nationally, through

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publication of the proceedings of the conference;

(5) to acquaint students of Alaskan history with at least a part of the state's natural and cultural environment, and (6) to acquaint historians of Alaska with each other.

Dr. Morgan B. Sherwood, Alaskan-born professor of history at the University of California (Davis) is the program chairman. Dr. Sherwood is the author of the Yale University Press book *Exploration of Alaska* (1965) and a new volume which he has edited, *Alaska and Its History* which will be published this year by the University of Washington Press. His articles have appeared in the *Pacific Historical Review*, *Journal of the West*, *Agricultural History*, and the *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*.