

Weinberger to visit Alaska

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger will visit Fairbanks and Anchorage Oct. 4, according to U.S. Rep. Don Young.

Weinberger is scheduled to address the state Chamber of Commerce convention in Fairbanks and the World Affairs Council in Anchorage.

The Alaska stop comes at the beginning of the secretary's two-week trip to the Pacific Rim to confer with allies in the region.

"As the head of the Department of Defense, Mr. Weinberger has special insight into Alaska's strategic position and the need to strengthen our defenses to protect vital facilities in Alaska and the Pacific Rim," Young said.