

# Hensley Announces—

## ***AFN Annual Convention Dec. 16-18***

William L. Hensley, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. announced today that the Federation will hold its annual convention on Dec. 16, 17, and 18, 1973. The convention site is expected to be named soon.

The last day of the convention, Dec. 18, marks the second anniversary of the signing of the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act.

It is anticipated that enrollment of eligible Natives will be completed on that date, and that the Secretary of the Interior will certify the enrollment; thus, identifying the stockholders of each regional native corporation.

Although the number of delegates and the method of selecting

them has not yet been determined, full representation by each of the regions and villages is expected.

In addition, individual and associate membership in the federation is currently being considered by the AFN, Inc. Board of Directors.

President Hensley stated: "We are putting together a people oriented convention; that is, we want to provide a forum for individual natives to express their views and concerns on the implementation of the claims act."

Convention activities will include a number of workshops on topics such as health, education, economic development, etc., a banquet with a number of well-known guest speakers.

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