

Panel explores effects of exploration on Natives

A panel of individuals representing several Native peoples will examine the effects of exploration in Alaska on Native cultures at a program Wednesday, October 11, 1978.

Open to the public without charge, the event is scheduled

for 8 p.m. at the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum. This is a different location from the other seven in the series commemorating the bicentenary of Captain James Cook's voyages to Alaskan waters.

Gary Holthaus, executive director

of Alaska Humanities Forum, a grant from which made the series possible, and Peter Blewett, instructor in social sciences department at Community College, will moderate the panel.

Participants will include:

— Charlie Edwardson, Inuit, North Slope Native, whaler and active participant in the Native land claims effort.

— Dr. James Kari, linguist, Alaska Native Language Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

— Shem Peter, Traditional leader of the Upper Inlet Tanaina and master story teller and singer.

— Peter Kalifomsky, one of the three speakers of Tanaina on the Kenai Peninsula; writer of his language and author of a new book "Kahtnuht" ana Qenaga (The Kenai People's Language).

— Jim McKinley, Distinguished leader and tradition bearer of the Ahtna People, and master story teller.

— Walter Charley, of Glennallen.

— Father Paul Merculief, priest of the Orthodox Church of America, working on the project "Preservation of Aleut Culture" at Nikolski.

— Paula Rasmus, representative of the Chugach People with the Alaska Federation of Natives.

— Ilidor Philemonof, Pribilofs, representative of the Aleut People.

— Kay Koweluk, from Wales.

These participants will present a variety of statements concerning their heritage, culture

and the problems they confront with new developments. Some will tell of their past history, others will talk about the present and future as they see it.

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present some of the effects of exploration in Alaska," says Antionette Shalkop, chairman of the special Cook Inlet Historical Society committee which planned and arranged the lecture series. "Some (effects) have been bad, some good. They have left an indelible mark on this land and its peoples, but together brought Alaska into the inevitable current of contemporary life in the world."