

Editorial Comment—

FNA Annual Potlatch

One of the most satisfying events is the annual Fairbanks Native Association's annual potlatch. As potlatches go, this one is perhaps the biggest one in Alaska where thousands of Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts, and their White friends gather together to feast and visit with old friends. Through this auspicious occasion, the people have gotten to know one another and to relax together, and with one of the most unique repasts satisfying to the Native folks especially, it is a great moment of pause to share the Native foods and to renew friendships. There are, also, generous offerings of ham, chicken, butter and many other Western foods from which one can partake.

The potlatch food offers such things as bear meats, beaver, salmon, beaver tails, moose noses and other unusual foods such as muktuk, smoked salmon strips and so forth. And don't forget the dried salmon that many White people have gotten to like.

As the feasting ends, cultural activities will begin reminding the Native folks of their past traditions and customs and these are, also, satisfying indeed. As they are performed, there will be amusing and comical occasions permeating the atmosphere with contagious fun and fellowship and all the above activities will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Lathrop High School Gymnasium in Fairbanks.

Those people who wish to donate Native foods and might not have done it as yet, should contact the Native Community Center, 102 Lacey Street, Fairbanks. Donations can be sent C.O.D.

Be ready to attend the colorful event — the Fairbanks Native Association annual potlatch.

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