

Land Law Confab

A recently published report of the Public Land Law Review Commission will be the central topic of a Western Regional conference of about 125 leading citizens from Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska next week in San Francisco.

John Borbridge, President of the Tlingit-Haida Central Council will speak on the Alaska Land Claims at the invitational meeting sponsored by the Institute of Governmental Studies and University Extension of the University of California at Berkeley.

"Considering that history has generally tended to minimize the fact that the bulk of our public lands were purchased through negotiation with the Indian owners of the land, it is appropriate that the Alaska Natives' viewpoint should be presented for consideration," Borbridge commented on his proposed attendance.

Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times, was one of the Alaskans invited to participate.

The two day conference, which begins at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel on December 7, will include political leaders, business and government officials, conservationists, academic

specialists and spokesmen for various groups with interests in the public lands.

University of Alaska Economist and Regional Planner George W. Rogers will lead off the discussion of Alaska's public land situation.