

Soviets expected at ICC assembly in Greenland

Soviet Inuit are expected to join "A Celebration of Inuit Unity" at the upcoming 1989 General Assembly of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, according to ICC spokesmen.

Unity is the theme of the upcoming assembly July 24-28 in Sisimut, Greenland, on the southwest coast. This will be the fifth such assembly held by the international organization of Inuit.

Since ICC's inception in 1977, the organization has invited Soviet Inuit to join in its efforts to promote Inuit rights and interests at the international level. At the first conference in Barrow, the late Eben Hopson, ICC founder, said, "One of the four circumpolar flags is badly missed."

He was speaking of the Soviet flag and the absence of the Inuit of the Soviet Far East.

U.S./Soviet relations have improved a great deal since the 1977 conference, and because of recent positive developments within the ICC and between Alaska and the Soviet Far East, a delegation is expected, including Soviet Inuit, government leaders from Moscow and the Magadan region, labor representatives and entertainers.

Representatives of the ICC Greenland office have reported that they expect to have a delegation of 30 people to participate in the business meetings and cultural activities of the 1989 General Assembly.

This year's poster and logo depict the unity of all Inuit in the Soviet Union, Alaska, Canada and Greenland.

The ICC will have the 1989 General Assembly "A Celebration of Inuit Unity" poster for sale at the ICC Alaska office. The poster is available for \$5. Proceeds will go toward the travel costs of the Alaska delegation. Questions related to travel or the conference generally should be directed to:

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Alaskans and U.S. residents who intend to travel to the assembly should contact the ICC Alaska office immediately to indicate their participation and to provide travel dates and times.

For those who cannot attend, Alaska Public Radio Network reporters will be reporting from the assembly on the public radio stations across the state, and the ICC Communications Commission is working on the live gavel-to-gavel broadcast on Rural Alaska Television Network.

