

Around 2,000 Expected—

Great NCAI Meet In Anchorage

A gathering of from 1,500 to 2,000 Indians in Anchorage Oct. 18-24 may be highlighted by an address from either President Richard Nixon or Vice President Spiro Agnew.

The occasion will be the 27th Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians. The congress represents 180 Indian tribes throughout the nation.

According to Don Wright, Alaska area vice president of NCAI, the President's plans will not be made known prior to the convention due to Secret Service policies.

Headed by Earl Oldperson of the Blackfeet Tribe of Browning, Mont., the congress will open the week-long convention Monday, Oct. 19 with a welcoming address from Gov. Keith Miller and Anchorage Mayor George Sullivan.

On Tuesday at 2 p.m. the Indian and Eskimo delegates in full traditional dress will parade through downtown Anchorage to the Sports Arena where an Indian and Eskimo potlatch dinner will be held.

Tuesday night, the congress

will hold a meeting at the arena where natives and non natives may speak out on issues they feel should be discussed during the convention.

Indians and Eskimos will compete in olympic sports competition Thursday night in the Sports Arena. The events will include seal skinning and fish cutting contests and other traditional games of skill and endurance.

Following the election of national officers Friday and the conclusion of business sessions, a traditional dance competition of war dances and other dances from all parts of the country will be held in the arena.

The convention will close Saturday night at 8 o'clock with final competitions for events and trophies for the winners.

G.C. "Gus" Wallace, Confidential Assistant to the Administrator of Veteran Affairs, has been named secretary-treasurer of the President's Veterans Day National Committee in Washington, D.C.

Kansas educator Theodore Shackelford has been appointed to VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Education Advisory Committee.