

# TT BANQUET IN ANCHORAGE OCTOBER 26

FAIRBANKS — The next annual banquet of the Tundra Times has been set for October 26, 1974 at the Captain Cook Hotel Ballroom in Anchorage, Alaska. It is again being staged

in conjunction with the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. on the last day of that organization's annual convention that is to be held on October 24-26 at the Captain Cook Hotel.

The newspaper's social event was held at the same ballroom last year on December 17 where some 1,100 persons attended making the annual feast the largest sitdown occasion in the

history of Alaska.

Efforts are now being made to line up speakers for the evening and when these persons are lined up, announcement will be made as soon as possible.

Governor and Mrs. William A. Egan will be invited as will be congressional delegation in Washington, D. C. and many other dignitaries and friends of AFN.  
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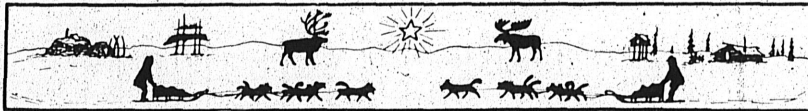
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# FNCC TO SUE N. S. BOROUGH

## Bilingual Program Is Aim of Law Suit

By MARGIE BAUMAN

Fairbanks Native Community Center will file suit in Alaska Superior Court in an attempt to force the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District into instituting a bi-lingual program at Lathrop High school.

The suit will charge that by failure to act in an orderly manner in considering a request for a bi-lingual program at Lathrop, the school district lost out on federal funds totaling \$102,643.

The funds were made available recently under Title 7 of the federal education act. Georgianna Lincoln, executive director of FNCC, said that the center decided to take the matter to court because of the manner in which school superintendent Chuck Smith and the school board handled the request.

"There was no reason to have lost that funding for the school district and for the state," she said.

Word that the bilingual funds were available, but that the requests had to be in Washington, D. C. by August 23 reached FNCC in the second week of August.

"We found out about it not through the school district, which had the information, but through LaDonna Harris of the Americans for Indian Opportunity," Lincoln said.

FNCC decided to push for funding of a course in Koyukon Athabaskan for up to 23 students at Lathrop High school.

"We worked through the weekend preparing it, but we didn't have the proper forms until Aug. 13 or 14," Lincoln said.

The forms were obtained for the center by Jerry Morang, federal programs director for the North Star Borough School District.

Meanwhile, FNCC contacted North Star Borough Schools Superintendent Chuck Smith and the school board and requested time to speak on the proposal at a special meeting of the board August 22. FNCC planned to have one of its representatives then hand carry the proposal to

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VERA MANUTOLI'S face and eyes say, "I can, and it feels good to be a success," during evaluation time with Teacher Alice Sivets at award-winning Akiachak Community Child Development Center.  
— Photo by RICHARD SIVETS

## Akiachak Community Child Development Center Receives Educational Pacemaker Award

The Akiachak Community Child Development Center has received an Educational Pace-setter Award as one of the outstanding ESEA Title III programs in the United States.

Through Center activities, par-

ents and educators have developed a program of language and learning experiences for the community's two, three and four year old youngsters.

"The award brings national recognition and validation to the Akiachak Center, a Bureau of Indian Affairs operated project making it available for replication and adoption by other school systems," states BIA Education Specialist Eva Kriger, who was instrumental in initiating the project.

"More than 200 interested educators have already visited the project or made inquiries about it," explains Mrs. Kriger. "Based on innovativeness, pupil achievement, cost-effectiveness and program administration, Akiachak was selected from more

than 1800 Title III projects by the National Advisory Council of Supplementary Centers and Services in Washington, D. C."

Development of the program began four years ago to assist parents in giving their youngsters a wide variety of learning experiences with special emphasis on language usage in both Yupik Eskimo and English. Research and training of staff and parents has been, and continues to be, an on-going process.

A film recently produced by BIA documents the implementation of this successful education endeavor. Further information on the program and the movie is available from Education Program Administrator S. William Benton, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Box 347, Bethel, Alaska 99559.

## New Part of Federal Code—

# Indian Students to Get Bill of Rights

A "bill of rights" for students attending Bureau of Indian Affairs schools has become a part of the Code of Federal Regulations. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced recently.

"This new part of the Code."

Commissioner Thompson said, "is like our Constitutional Bill of Rights in that it is simple, brief and to the point. It provides a sound base for local school communities — which accord with the law, are respectful of individual rights and promote a spirit

of responsibility."

Included in the rights listed in the regulations are: Right to an education, freedom from unreasonable search, reasonable privacy, a safe and secure environment, freedom of religion and culture, freedom of speech and

expression, the right to peacefully assemble and to petition the redress of grievances and the right to due process and disciplinary actions which could involve suspension or expulsion.

The essential elements involv-  
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## Postmasters

### Attend Confab

By BETZI WOODMAN

Among Alaskan postmasters attending their state convention in Seattle last week — and that of the National Association of Postmasters following — were four village postmasters making their first trip to the South 48.

And among these four was Alaska's youngest postmaster. He is Harry Lincoln, 22, who has served at Tununak for more than a year. His postoffice is in one of the newer structures for this purpose in the bush — a modular building shipped in as an equipped unit.

Other first time visitors Outside included Clara Tall, postmistress for 19 years in Chevak; Lucy Kasayulic, postmistress for 8 years in Goodnews Bay and Mary Valka who became postmistress at Lower Kalskag 1 1/2 years ago.

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