



**FORTY-NINERS DINE**—Three Alaska Natives recently elected as 49ers by the Alaska Press Club celebrated having received the honor during a dinner last month at the home of University of Alaska journalism professor Jimmy Bedford. The three, seated from left to right, are Howard Rock,

editor and publisher of the Tundra Times; Dr. Walter Soboleff, educator and minister; and Mrs. Emily Ivanoff Brown, writer and educator. The three are being handed specially designed plates by Mrs. Edith Tegoseak of Barrow.

—Jimmy Bedford Photograph

## Oquilluk Epic Published

**PEOPLE OF KAUWERAK:** Legends of the Northern Eskimo author published by the AMU Press. Collected by the late William A. Oquilluk over a 60-year period, the legends and stories of this book have been transmitted orally from generation to generation for thousands of years.

Oquilluk is the first to gather them together, to organize them

in a connected narrative.

For Western readers, the work is a kind of Old Testament with a Garden of Eden beginning and with a Noah riding the Flood and a Moses seeking a promised homeland for his people.

Like the Old Testament, "People of Kauwerak" is a varied and inspired literature, with heroes for every disaster, with instruction on "the way it was

and why we do what we do," with love stories, adventure stories, and—through it all—high ideals for community life.

It is by no means, however, an Eskimo imitation of Hebraic-Christian scripture.

AMU Press Director Jack Frost says, "It is exciting to realize that here in our lifetime in our state, a modest and unassuming Eskimo gentleman has fulfilled the same function for his people that Homer fulfilled for the ancient Greeks."

"These are not bits and pieces of a rapidly disappearing oral tradition. These are not simply one man's version of a vast literature. These are centrally and substantially THE heritage coming to Oquilluk from his own grandfather and independently from other surviving story-tellers living in the Seward Peninsula in the early 1900's."

"AMU is indeed fortunate to be the publisher of a work of such magnitude and importance."

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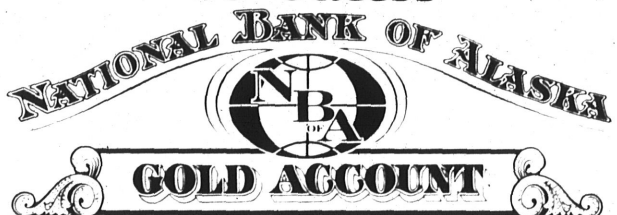
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