

# VINCENT PRICE WILL KEYNOTE

## Famous Actor Confirms Speaking Commitment At Tundra Times Feast

Vincent Price, famed movie actor and art critic, has confirmed his commitment to be the main speaker at the Tundra Times 7th anniversary banquet at the Anchorage-Westward Hotel Ballroom in Anchorage, Alaska on October 4.

"Delighted to say that everything is working out for me to be with you at the banquet on October 4th. Hoping my wife will be with me," stated Price in a wire to the editor of the Tundra Times Howard Rock this

week.

He said his plans for arrival were indefinite but that he would let the newspaper know as soon as possible when they are firmed up.

Known throughout the world as a fine actor, Vincent Price at the present time is also the chairman of the Department of the Interior's Indian Arts and Crafts Board. The board promotes and channels the arts and crafts development of the original natives of the United States.

Price accepted the newspaper's invitation to be the keynote speaker at the banquet on a tentative basis months ago basing it on the staggered schedules of his movie making.

### OTHER DIGNITARIES

There will be many other dignitaries at the Anchorage banquet. Gov. Keith H. Miller has accepted the invitation as did the congressional delegation, Sen. Ted Stevens, Sen. Mike Gravel and Congressman Howard Pollock.

Former Governor of Alaska

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William A. Egan will also attend the banquet. State legislators and heads of state government departments will be invited.

The Alaska Federation of Natives will be holding its annual convention around the immediate time of the banquet and along with its officials, many of the regional officials of the native organizations will be attending.

The theme of the banquet this year is: Cultural Contributions of the Native People of Alaska. The program of the dinner will stress the theme.

## BANQUET MENU

The menu for the banquet will stress Alaskan products. The main course will be salmon filet, reindeer brochettes with onions, potatoes, tomatoes and green peppers and served with rice pilaf and Matanuska Valley green peas, butter, roll, fresh Alaska crab salad and the dessert will be cobbler.

Plans call for reindeer from Thomas Johnson of Nome, Alaska. The meat to be boned in chunks with not too much fat. Anchorage-Westward asks 250 pounds of reindeer meat.

Salmon will come from southeast Alaska in the total poundage of 300, cleaned with head and tail attached and the salmon should be between 20 and 40 pounds each.

Crab, either king or dungeness, 175 pounds. The crab must be shelled, steamed and ready to serve.

## DECORATIONS

Miss Carol Bahr, Anchorage, is the chairman of the decorations committee with assistance from Mrs. Francine Lastufka, Frank Mercer, and Mr. and Mrs. Haig Khachatoorian.

The base color scheme of the decor will be yellow and orange. Designs derived from Eskimo, Indian and Aleut Symbols, such as masks, will be silkscreened on thick cardboard sheets.

The designs will be applied on the sheets in different colors. Large mask designs will be mounted in such a way from the background to give it a three dimensional effect. These will be hung on the walls of the banquet hall.

Several large symbolic and simulated totem pole designs will be hung from the ceiling by a string. Small replicas of these will be used for table decorations.

Ron Senungetuk of the University of Alaska is in the process of designing a large backdrop to be hung behind the head table. Huge mask designs will be hung on each side of it.

Mrs. Kay Fanning, Tundra Times Board member in Anchorage, will look into the televising of all or part of the banquet proceedings.

The present plan calls for 12 people at the head table. The rather small number was decided on to make room for Eskimo and Indian dance groups that will perform sometime during the

banquet.

The no host cocktail hour is scheduled to take place in the lobby of the Anchorage-Westward Hotel and it will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. when the dinner starts "promptly" at that time.

The dress for the banquet is semi-formal. Admission price will be \$25 per couple and \$15 single.

The board of directors of the Tundra Times decided that blocks of rooms at special rates in Anchorage hotels be set aside. This has not been firmed up yet. It is suggested, however, that people write to hotels of their choice for reservations mentioning the fact that they will attend the AFN convention or the Tundra Times banquet.

Charter flight for the banquet goes on the Wien Consolidated Airlines is in the process of being arranged.

The airline said that a 737 jet would be available to go to Anchorage from Fairbanks at 2:00 p.m. October 4. The return trip would be open on Sunday October 5.

The rate for this charter would be around \$35 per person if all of the 113 seats are occupied.

There is also an alternative plan in which a F27 with 44 passengers can be used at about \$12 less or about \$23 per person. It is possible that two F27's might be made available.

There is also a group rate under open status and the price for that is \$40 per person.

When plans are worked out on the charter plan, they will be publicized.