

National Indian meeting to convene in Anchorage

The National Conference of American Indians will hold its 1981 annual convention in Anchorage, hosted by the Alaska Federation of Natives.

The convention has been scheduled for October 11-16 and is expected to attract between 1,000 and 2,000 representatives of some 150 tribes from throughout the United States with observers expected from Canada and other countries. According to the AFN, the NCAI convention is the largest and most representative annual gathering of Indian leaders in the world.

Delegates at the meeting plan to discuss issues of national importance to Indian tribes, reach consensus positions on those issues and plan strategies

to implement them.

Several national leaders and state officials have been invited to address the convention including Interior Secretary James Watt, members of the Alaska congressional delegation and Gov. Jay Hammond.

In addition to the business meetings, the host organization, this year AFN, is offered the opportunity to highlight culture, traditions and other aspects typical to Alaska.

The convention also will include: a trade fair for federal and state agencies and private businesses to display information; sales of Alaska Native and American Indians; a queen contest to choose the 1982 Miss NCAI, and a closing banquet.