

Baha'i Native Council Conference Attended by 60 Natives

The Baha'i Native Council was attended by sixty Natives from Alaska, the Canadian Yukon and British Columbia, California, and New Mexico.

Purpose of this first Council, to be an annual event, was to enable the Native Baha'is to come together in fellowship and to present the great challenge, given to them in the Teachings of their Faith, for consultation and action.

Out of the Council's deliberations came the "Friendship Team" and, out of the proposed budget for their trip, one half was raised by the Native Baha'is the remainder was provided by the National Baha'i Assembly of Canada.

Under the joint sponsorship of the National Spiritual Assemblies of the Baha'is of Alaska and Canada the Baha'i Native Friendship Team travelled to eleven remote Indian villages along the British Columbia coast of Canada.

The group was flown to the villages by plane, piloted by one of the group members.

The performers of the Friendship Team — three Tlingits, one Tsimshians, two Eskimos and



BAHA'I NATIVE FRIENDSHIP TEAM

one Polynesian — demonstrated with dances, songs, and talks, their belief that the culture of the native peoples throughout the world form an indispensable part of the Baha'i way of life.

In several of the villages in which the team performed, appreciation was shown by the residents, who staged their own

dances in return.

Out of future Baha'i Native Councils, under the continuing sponsorship of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Alaska, will come more teaching projects of this kind into other new areas.

The next Council is planned for November at Haines.