

Tanana Chiefs Conference to Be Held Apr. 7-8

Secretary of State Keith Miller and numerous other State and Federal officials will be featured speakers and participants in the Tanana Chiefs' conference at Tanana during the spring carnival April 7 and 8, announced Rep. John Sackett (R-Huslia), the conference president.

Major items to be discussed will be Native land claims,

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the state commission on Native affairs; the program for regional high schools, given first approval by the voters in last November's election; and matters of health, sanitation and community action.

While the agenda is still being prepared, speakers scheduled to take part include Miller, on state affairs; Dr. Clifford R. Hartman, state education commissioner; and spokesmen for the University of Alaska, the local affairs and rural development offices in Juneau, the Alaska Native service, the Bureau of Land Management; state and U.S. public health services; the State Department of Fish and Game and ASCAP, the community action program.

"We hope to obtain answers to many questions involving education on all levels; the movement of villages; water and sewage systems; local advisory committees on fish and game; and other matters of interest to the villages," Sackett said. "We will discuss matters pending in Washington, D.C. including the promised land claims bill on which the President's field committee promised us action in its recent visit to Juneau."

Sackett invited all interested agencies to send representatives. The carnival will include dogteam races, potlatches and native dances. He said Miller will appear as acting governor in the planned absence from the state of Governor Walter J. Hickel.