

FNA to Honor Will Rogers, Jr With Reception

A reception honoring Will Rogers Jr. will be held this Monday, Nov. 20, by the Fairbanks Native Association.

Rogers, a special assistant to Bureau of Indian Affairs Commissioner Robert L. Bennett, is visiting BIA schools and other activities in Alaska to become acquainted with the state's Native people and their problems.

The reception will be held at 7 p.m. in the Hospitality House, and the FNA urges all Native people in the area to attend.

Rogers arrived in Alaska Monday and has visited schools in Juneau, Wrangell, Sitka (Mt. Edgecumbe) and Nome. He will arrive in Fairbanks Saturday, and depart for Wainwright and Barrow Sunday.

On this trip, he will visit the monument near Barrow marking where his father and Wiley Post died in a plane crash in 1935.

Rogers will return to Fairbanks Monday, visiting Anaktuvuk Pass on the way.

He will visit the University of Alaska that afternoon.

Following the reception, he will fly to Anchorage to talk to Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall. If weather permits, he will also

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visit Bethel.

Rogers, part Cherokee Indian, is the son of author and humorist Will Rogers and the grandson of Indian leader Clem Vann Rogers. He has been helping the BIA for many years.

He is 55 years old and is a graduate of Stanford University. Rogers has been a Congressman, a newspaper publisher, an army officer, a writer, a movie actor, a television commentator and a California State Parks Commissioner.