

# **TT publisher represents U.S. at U.N. conference**

The U.S. State Department has designated Tundra Times editor and publisher Thomas Richards, Jr. to be the United States representative at a United Nations conference on preservation and development of arctic cultures.

The conference, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), will be held at the Sami Institute at Kautokeino in northern Norway from October 2 to October 4.

Richards will depart Alaska September 28, and plans to visit the Institute of Eskimology in Copenhagen, Denmark, and the Institute for Arctic Studies in Paris, France before returning to Alaska.

According to the U.S. Com-

mission on UNESCO at the State Department, the conference will address the subject of "how the arctic cultures can be preserved and developed under changing technology, environmental, cultural, political and administrative conditions."

Representatives from Greenland and Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and the Soviet Union, among other countries, will participate in the conference. A State Department official said that Richards was selected as the

U.S. representative after receiving a recommendation from the Smithsonian Institution. In Norway, Richards will be officially hosted by the Hon. Sturla Kazam, Acting Secretary General of Norway.