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UDALL TO KEYNOTE BANQUET



Secretary of Interior to Give Address at Switzerland



CABINET OFFICER—Secretary of the Interior, Stewart L. Udall, left, is coming to Fairbanks to be the keynote speaker at the Tundra Times Sixth Anniversary Banquet on October 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the supper club Switzerland. The

picture shows Udall with Al Seeliger, Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce president during the year 1962. The picture appeared in the Volume 1, No. 1 of the Tundra Times.

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Secretary of the Interior, Stewart L. Udall, is coming to the Tundra Times Sixth Anniversary Banquet on October 5 and deliver a keynote speech to the expected audience of 500 people at the supper club Switzerland on the Airport Road in Fairbanks.

James E. Officer, assistant to the Secretary, relayed Secretary Udall's acceptance to the Tundra Times editor, Howard Rock, this week. The brief wire reads:

"Please be advised Secretary Udall can attend banquet of Tundra Times October 5. Please send further details regarding time and place."

Emil Notti on contacting the Tundra Times from Anchorage on Wednesday learned of Udall's acceptance and promptly said, "That's great!"

There is no immediate knowledge of what subject Secretary Udall will dwell upon in his keynote speech but Emil Notti surmised:

"I think the biggest things he's going to talk about is the land claims and the land freeze.

"I think he will talk about the chance of land legislation. He could talk about the Indian affairs as far as education goes.

"I also think he should talk to the AFN conference at that time. We'll extend him an invitation to talk to the conference."

The Alaska Federation of Natives conference will be held in Fairbanks on October 5 and wind up on October 6.

Notti said that the AFN has sent out letters to all the villages throughout Alaska and said he

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expects about 300 delegates to attend the October conference.

"Every village should have a representative there—they should make it a point to be there because it is going to be an important meeting," Emil Notti stated.

The conference setting has not been lined up as yet but Ralph Perdue and Emil Notti are cooperating to find a conference hall big enough to hold 500 people or more.

The Board of Directors of the Tundra Times has picked Sylvester Ayek and Richard Frank to be masters of ceremonies at the banquet.

Sylvester Ayek capably handled the master of ceremonies job at last August World Eskimo Olympics held at Seward Hall at the Alaskaland. Richard Frank is former Chief of Minto and has handled master of ceremonies at the annual Fairbanks Native Association Potlatch in Fairbanks.

Both men are well equipped with sense of humor.

The combination invitation card and brochure has now been printed and the envelopes are being addressed by hand by Miss Rhoda Forslund, Miss Toni Evans and Miss Marilyn Kangas. The invitations are being sent to 750 persons.

Bertrand M. Harding, acting director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, earlier had inquired indirectly to the

Tundra Times editor that he was available to be the keynote speaker but the editor had already approached Secretary Udall when the inquiry came.

Emil Notti and Howard Rock, however, are to invite Director Harding to be present at the banquet and possibly to address the AFN convention.

The Governor of Alaska, Walter J. Hickel, was the first dignitary to accept the Tundra banquet invitation. He will be asked to give an address at the banquet.

Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett has accepted on a "maybe" basis. This was due to his recent illnesses. Sen. Ernest Gruening, Congressman Howard W. Pollock will be at the banquet.

Nominees for U.S. Senate, Mike Gravel and Elmer Rasmuson will travel from Anchorage to the banquet. All of the state legislators are on the list to be invited. State Sen. Nick Begich has been sent an invitation.

Miss Rhoda Forslund is at Nome this week and will contact Thomas Johnson, president of the Northwestern Reindeer Processing Co., to see if about 200 pounds of prime reindeer meat can be made available for the banquet.

The main fare of the banquet, 500 pounds of king crab, has already been confirmed and will be sent up from Kodiak at the Times board request as to when

and where to store them.

Emil Notti told Tundra Times editor that the AFN conference will give Orin R. Stratton, president of the Sheldon Jackson College, time to address the conference. Stratton is expected to speak on the higher learning of the native young people of Alaska.

Requests for reservations to the banquet are coming in the mail and by phone.

Mrs. Marge Pappas, director of the Pappas Nursing Home, is busily soliciting for the banquet and has asked for 27 choice seats at the banquet.

The banquet will be held on October 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the supper club Switzerland. The Times board thinks that a cocktail hour will be in order and the banquet will be at about 7:30 p.m.

The dress will be semi-formal. Tundra Times editor said that this will not be a strict request remembering Charlie Edwardson who came to the banquet in his parka and mukluks to the Times banquet two years ago.