

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY TUNDRA TIMES BANQUET



BANQUET AUDIENCE—Part of the audience at the Tundra Times Sixth Anniversary Banquet is enjoying a pleasant pause as the 10-man head table is dining on Alaska King crab, salmon, reindeer and caribou stew. Head table left to right: Emil Notti Sen. Ernest Gruening, Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, masters of ceremonies Richard Frank and Sylvester Ayek, Howard Rock, editor of Tundra Times, and Gov. Walter J. Hickel. Not shown are Congressman Howard Pollock who had not yet arrived, Prof. Jimmy Bedford and the convocation minister. A vacant chair to the right of the table draped with a black sash was placed in memory of the late Dr. Henry S. Forbes who had backed the Tundra Times financially for six years. Dr. Forbes died on August 15.

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THE KEYNOTER—Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall is addressing some 600 people at the Tundra Times banquet last Saturday at the Switzerland in which he announced that he is retaining the land freeze. The backdrop be-

hind Udall was designed by Ron Senungetuk, assistant professor of art at University of Alaska, who is also a board member of the Tundra Times.

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Big Welcome for Secretary Udall Fizzles as Time Mixup Develops

The big welcome planned for the Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall to Fairbanks did not materialize due to a time mixup. Udall's plane arrived in Fairbanks 45 minutes ahead of the time planned for the welcome ceremonies set for 4:30 p.m. last Saturday.

The Fairbanks Native Association and the Alaska Federation of Natives members had planned to go to the Fairbanks International Airport en masse along with colorfully attired native people with parkas.

The editor of the Tundra Times, Howard Rock, was on hand to meet Secretary Udall however, but it was through pure coincidence as the editor had gone to the airport to meet with Prof. Jimmie Bedford to talk over the banquet program before Udall's arrival.

As a result of the time mix-up, few people were on hand to meet the Secretary.

Mrs. Vernon D. Forbes was on hand, however, along with her red carpet she had prepared expressly for Secretary Udall's benefit. Mrs. Forbes wished him to be the first dignitary to use it, which he did.

Tundra Times editor told Udall that there had been a time mixup and that a big welcome had been planned for 4:30 p.m.

The Secretary took the whole thing good naturedly.

"Don't worry about it. Everything's fine. Your warm welcome is quite sufficient," Udall told the editor.

On the way to the city in Mrs. Forbes' flag-bedecked Packard car, the editor persuaded the Secretary to appear briefly at the Alaska Federation of Natives conference at the Barnette Elementary School gymnasium "because the delegates were about to go on a wild goose

chase any minute to meet you at the airport."

When the group entered the conference hall, State Senator Nick Begich was vigorously addressing the delegates urging them to "do everything in your power to keep the land freeze on, otherwise you will get nothing."

"He's here!" some people

excitedly whispered.

After Begich concluded his speech, Secretary briefly addressed the conference after which he was driven to his hotel.

"You're in pretty thick with politics up here aren't you," Udall said on the way. "I think it was an excellent idea to stop at the conference. It worked out just fine."



GOVERNOR SPEAKS—Gov. Walter J. Hickel is addressing the banquet audience as one of the featured speakers last Saturday. Left to right: Sen. Ernest Gruening, Secretary Stewart Udall, Gov. Hickel, and dimly seen is Congressman Howard Pollock to the right.

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