

Editorial—

The Cultural Banquet

The Tundra Times 7th anniversary banquet at the Anchorage-Westward Hotel in Anchorage on the evening of October 4 will stress the cultures of the native people of Alaska. The idea was posed by the newspaper and concurred upon by its board of directors months ago.

In the belief that Alaska native cultures have rich spiritual and aesthetic values to offer, it was decided that public showing of the cultural items be made at the new Anchorage Art Museum in Anchorage in conjunction with the banquet. We are fortunate indeed the artistic cultures of the Eskimos of the north, those of the Tlingits and Haidas, and to lesser degrees, the Aleuts and the interior Indians, have survived the onslaught of dominant cultures. Those that did survive have values that cannot be denied. They are the jewels of the Alaska native past of which we are profoundly thankful that they are available today.

The cultural exhibit in Anchorage will probably not attain the full value impact of the native cultures but being the first we have ever attempted, it will be the best we can do under the circumstances. We believe, however, that there will be enough of the inherent qualities to give the people an idea that some of the cultures of our native people are also rich in spiritual and aesthetic values.