

NOTTI ASKS BIG CONFERENCE TO COINCIDE TIMES BANQUET

Outside other Banquet Guests 200 Native Delegates May Attend

The president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Emil Notti, has written a letter to the heads of all native organizations in the state notifying them that AFN is proposing a conference in Fairbanks in conjunction with the

Tundra Times banquet to be held on October 5.

Notti was optimistic that the native organizations will be agreeable to the conference plan.

"It would be a pretty big one," he said.

He said that the AFN delegations alone would number around 150 people.

"From past experiences there would be about that many," he said.

Notti mentioned that the Tanana Chiefs and the Fairbanks Native Association have already mentioned that they planned to meet around the immediate date of the Tundra Times banquet.

The combined number of delegations alone from the three organizations could total around 200.

"It would be a good thing for the Tundra Times and for us, too," said Notti. "It would be the best thing for all of us to get together at that time."

John Borbridge, president of the Tlingit-Haida Council, is also planning to contact the officers of his organization and he is confident that a sizable delegation will be coming from that group.

The Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff, grand president of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, is soon to be contacted for his organization's partici-

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The Tundra Times banquet committee headed by William Demmert is in the process of making plans for the banquet.

Ron Senungetuk, assistant professor at the University of Alaska's art department, is in the process of designing a special invitation card which the banquet committee will mail out sometime in the future.

Considerable interest in the Tundra Times banquet has already been generated in the Fairbanks area.

"Why, there is a lot of

interest in the banquet already," said Mary Jane Fate, a member of the banquet committee. "Politicians, even before receiving invitations are jotting the date down in their notebooks."