

UTA Second Annual Congress

The United Tribes of Alaska will hold their Second Annual Congress this week in the William A. Egan Civic and Convention Center. UTA expects over 1,000 participants to the Congress, which meets Sunday through Saturday.

Among the scheduled activities will be the consideration of Alaska Federation of Natives' eight amendments to ANCSA, and the voting on of 11 legislative proposals drafted by the Native American Rights Fund.

Some of the proposals deal with the tribal regulation of fishing and

hunting on Native-owned land, and a consideration of whether the Alaska State Constitution would have to be amended in order for Alaska to recognize tribal governments.

In addition, there will be numerous displays of Native arts and crafts, dance groups, numerous workshops, a concert by an Indian rock band, and several performances of an original dramatic work. Speakers will include Thomas Berger of the Alaska Native Review Commission, Janie Leask, President of AFN, and Gov. Bill Sheffield.