

Annual AFN Meet Convenes At Anchorage

The annual Federation of Natives conference convened yesterday at 10:00 a.m. at the Federation of the Blind Building at 505 Northern Lights Boulevard in the City of Anchorage.

The conference opened with a minute of silence in memory of the late Mr. Oscar Craig who died recently. Craig was the Sergeant at Arms for the AFN. During much of his life, he had been an active member of the Alaska Native Brotherhood.

Invocation was given by Rev. Fr. Nickolas Harris of the Russian Orthodox Church and a choir rendition was given by the Russian

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Orthodox Chorus.

President of the Alaska Methodist University, Fred McGinnis, made the keynote address after which a recess was called.

After recess, the Credential Committee seated the conference delegates until noon recess. At 1:20 p.m., the conference reconvened and heard committee reports after which a land report was presented and continued until the meeting adjourned for the day.

Today, Friday, at 9:00 a.m., the conference reconvened in a closed session. Invocation was delivered by Right Reverend Bishop Theodosius of Sitka and Alaska.

The chairman then called a discussion on AFN constitution which continued until 4:00 p.m. after which various activity reports were presented on such subjects as the Igloopuk, native center for the centennial celebration in Anchorage; a discussion on Tundra Times; Welcome Center, National Congress of American Indians convention at Portland, Oregon recently; and other activities.

On the last day of the conference tomorrow, Saturday, the meeting will reconvene in an open session. The first speaker will be Dr. Martha Wilson of the Public Health Service.

Second address will be delivered by Robert Krumm of the Bureau of Land Management. The meeting will then recess until 1:20 p.m.

When the meeting is called back to order, State Attorney General Edgar Paul Boyko will address the conference and his subject is expected to be the land situation in Alaska.

After Boyko's address, chairman of the Legislative Council, Sen. Brad Phillips, will speak to the conferees. His address will wind up the annual conference of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

At noon Friday, the Cook Inlet Native Association was host to the AFN delegates at a luncheon at the Gold Rush Motor Lodge on the Northern Lights Boulevard near the convention center.



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