

25 Baha'is Travel to Illinois to Attend North American Meeting

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA—Twenty-five members of the Alaska Baha'i Community traveled to Wilmette, Illinois this past week to attend a North American Conference of their Faith.

The purpose of the gathering, which attracted nearly three thousand Baha'is, was to deliberate on ways and means of proclaiming the principles and tenets of this world-wide religion to the people of the United States and Canada.

Similar Conferences were held simultaneously in Panama City; Kampala, Uganda; Sydney, Australia; Frankfurt A/M, Germany and New Delhi, India.

Although these Conferences also commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the public announcement of this new Faith by Baha'u'llah, its Founder, Baha'is feel their Faith must become better known in this area of the world.

Mrs. John Kolstoe, of Fairbanks, presented to the Conference a survey of the development of the Faith in Alaska. She traced its

history from the settlement of the first member in Juneau in 1915 to the present time.

In her report she told of recent translations of Baha'i literature into Tlingit, Athabascan, Aleut, and Eskimo dialects, as well as a steady growth from the first settler to over 55 Baha'i Centers in Alaska today.

Mr. Pat Moul, Douglas, chairman of the state-wide governing body, termed the National Spiritual Assembly, reported on plans developed for use of advertising media to inform more Alaskans of the position of the Baha'i Faith on the issues of today.

"The Baha'i Faith has demonstrated its power to unite people of every national background, every skin color, every class and every religious origin. Baha'is are doing something about their Faith," Mr. Moul said.

Following his presentation, Mr. Moul was joined by Mrs. Rex Talcott of Juneau and members of the Canadian and U.S. National Assemblies on a panel to answer questions from delegates.