

Jackson is AFN convention speaker

U.S. Senator Henry Jackson has confirmed that he will present the keynote address at the annual Alaska Federation of Natives convention which will be held from Dec. 15 to 18 in Anchorage.

Theme of this year's convention is "ANCSA - Ten Years Later - Promises to Keep."

Jackson confirmed his speaking date in a letter to AFN president Frank Ferguson, but said the adjournment of the 1981 Congressional session might force him to miss the convention. Jackson said that if that happened, former U.S. Congressman Lloyd Meeds will present his speech. The Congressional session is now scheduled to end on Dec. 18.

The AFN board of directors also is seeking nominations for its Annual Citizen of the Year award.

Awards have been presented to such distinguished Native leaders as John Sackett, Frank Degnan, Roger Lang, Emil Notti, Howard Rock, Chief Andrew Isaac, Della Keats, R. Richard Jansen and Eben Hopson.

The awards are presented to persons who have:

- * Promoted pride on the part of Natives of Alaska in their heritage and traditions;
- * Worked to preserve the customs, folklore and art of Natives;
- * Promoted the physical, economic and social well-being of Alaska Natives;
- * Worked to discourage and overcome racial prejudice and the inequities which such prejudice creates; and
- * Promoted good government by reminding those who

govern and those who are governed of their joint and mutual responsibilities.

Persons who wish to nominate candidates for this award should send the nomination and a brief paragraph describing the candidate and the reasons the nominee should receive the award.

The AFN board of directors will meet to select the individual who will receive the award prior to the convention. The award will be presented during the annual Tundra Times - AFN Banquet. That banquet is scheduled for Dec. 17 in the Howard Rock Ballroom at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel.

All nominations should be sent to the AFN, Inc., 411 W. 4th Ave., Suite a1-A, Anchorage, Ak.; 99501, Attention Janie Leask.

Anyone who has questions about the award and requirements should call the AFN at 274-3611 and ask for Leask or Judy Meidinger.

The Tundra Times/AFN banquet will be held at 8 a.m. Dec. 17 at the Sheraton Hotel. The banquet will feature the Sioux Comedy team of Williams and Ree who performed at the National Congress of American Indians convention in Anchorage in October.

No speaker will be featured at this year's banquet, according to Leask. She said a speaker was dropped to shorten the amount of time that the banquet takes.

The annual fund-raising auction will be held and Sam Kito, a Doyon Ltd., director and private consultant has been asked to be auctioneer. Proceeds will go to the Howard Rock Scholarship fund. Scholarships will be awarded.

At 9 p.m., a dance will begin at the Westward Hilton

for those persons who do not wish to attend the banquet. No admission charge will be levied for the dance. The banquet will cost \$30 per person. That will cover the dinner and entertainment.

AFN is asking that all banquet reservations be made as soon as possible. Only 1,000 seats will be sold and because of problems last year, anyone making reservations is asked to send the reservation fee immediately.

Reservations can be made by calling AFN.

Deadline for reservations is Nov. 30. No seats will be sold at the door.

Alaska Native students are being asked to contribute their artwork to a poster contest being sponsored by the Alaska Federation of Natives to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Theme of the contest is the same as that of the convention - "ANCSA - Ten Years Later - Promises to Keep."

AFN is asking young shareholders in the regional and village corporations, junior and senior high school students in grades 7 through 12 to participate in the contest.

They are asked to design a poster to depict that theme.

Contestants are asked to explain their theme portrayal in a paragraph of 50 words or less.

Posters can be done in any medium but should be no smaller than 8 by 11½ inches and no larger than 12 by 18 inches.

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Poster contest

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The winning poster will be selected by a three-person judging panel. Judging will be based on the best combination of theme portrayal and artistic quality. The designer of the winning poster will receive a

\$1,000 scholarship. Second place will receive a \$500 scholarship and third place will win a \$250 scholarship.

The first-place poster will be used to publicize the convention and will be used throughout 1982 as the official AFN poster.

Prizes will be announced at

the convention. All entries will be on display at the convention.

Deadline for submitting the posters is Nov. 20 . .

All entries should be sent to Convention Coordinator, The Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., 411 W. 4th Ave., Suite 1A., Anchorage, Ak. 99501.