

FNA Passes Resolution

After noting the pronounced lack of native participation in the 20th Annual Alaska Science Conference, the Fairbanks Native Association passed a resolution this week protesting the freeze-out.

The conference had such panels as, "The Condition of Alaskan

Natives Today." The only native who participated was John Borbridge, president of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians.

The resolution reads as follows:

"Be it resolved that the Fairbanks Native Association believes that the inclusion of only one Indian on the panels at the science conference, now in progress at the University of Alaska, is a re-run of nearly all conferences dealing with native problems.

"Once again the experts believe that they have studied the problems long enough, and are versed on the subject that there is no need to hear from the

people directly affected.

"It is a matter of public record that there are many qualified natives in our state who would have contributed greatly to the conference had they been invited to participate in this conference.

"We the Fairbanks Native Association would like to see an end to this type of short-sighted thinking and planning in the future."

During the meeting of the FNA members Tuesday evening, the group elected Sam Kito as president of FNA. Eleanor Ouzt was elected secretary and Emma Widmark made corresponding secretary. Marcello Quinto was installed as a board member.