

Bethel Meet Planned

The Association of Village Council Presidents, Lower Yukon and Kuskokwim Area, is slated to hold its annual conference at Bethel during the week of September 19 through the 23rd. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m.

AVCP president, Axel C. Johnson, requests that the villages send their representatives sometime prior to September 19. Since the organization has little funds, the villages are asked to foot the expenses of their delegates.

State Senator Ray Christiansen and State Representatives John Westdahl and George Hohman are expected to attend the conference.

State and federal officials attending the conference are expected to hear stories of

hunting and fishing and opinions on land rights.

"...If you have stories of olden times relating to land, present them in writing," Johnson asks the delegates.

Villages with particular problems are also asked to submit these in writing.

Axel Johnson said that the conference would also require village peoples' opinions on the Alaska Federation of Natives' invitation to pay \$12 fee for membership. Johnson said this could be an important subject.

He also reminded the members of his organization who last year agreed to contribute 25¢ per family from each village. If villages have not paid up, he asks the

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delegates to bring the money to the meeting so it could be banked.

“Funds are needed badly for writing materials and other expenses,” he said.

Johnson concluded: “It is important that we all attend this meeting as it gives us a chance to express our needs and seek help. And it is equally important that we attend this meeting to the end.”