

Three Alaskans Participate in White House Foods Conference

At least three Alaskans are participating in the White House Conference on Foods, Nutrition, and Health in Washington, D.C., December 2-4:

Emil Notti, President, Alaska Federation of Natives; Sadie Neakok, Magistrate, Barrow; and Lloyd Sutton, Chairman Health and Welfare Committee, AFN.

Notti and Mrs. Neakok are members of a panel for establishing guidelines for Groups for Whom the Federal Government Has Special Responsibilities. This is one of 25 panels and 9 task forces. These groups have prepared tentative recommendations which will be the basis of the working Conference.

Sutton is one of those who will attend the Conference. He along with approximately 2000 others will learn more about the tentative recommendations of the various panels and task forces and will react to them.

The 25 panels are dealing with many aspects of foods and nutrition in this country. The 9 task forces are dealing with voluntary action by a wide variety of groups to improve nutrition of our citizens. One of these task forces is made up of Health Organizations.

The final recommendations of the Conference will be submitted to President Nixon by Dr. Jean Mayer, Special Consultant to the President to organize and direct the Conference. President Nixon has said:

"I have asked the Conference to prepare specific goals for private industry, for government policy and for much-needed research. These goals and the conclusions reached will not be neatly bound and placed on a library shelf to be forgotten. They will

be the basis for my Administration's active involvement and the beginning of a nationwide commitment to end malnutrition and hunger among the poor, to make better use of our agricultural bounty and nutritional knowledge—and to ensure a healthful diet and a more satisfying life for all Americans."