

Alaska Federation of Native's Annual Meeting Slated

Once again, the Native community will come together in celebration of the 14th Annual Alaska Federation of Natives Convention and meeting on October 23, 24, 25. The activities will be held at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel.

The keynote speaker will be Mr. Willie Hensley, vice president of NANA Development Corporation, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Bank Alaska, founder and past president of the AFN. Mr. Hensley was most recently recognized by the University of Alaska upon receiving an honorary doctor of laws degree and delivering the baccalaureate address at that University's graduation ceremonies. His address will speak to the theme of the convention, Tribe - Spirit - Strength. Other guest speakers will include Governor Hammond, Senators Stevens and Gravel, Congressman Young and Guy Martin, Department of the Interior As-

sistant Secretary for Land and Water Resources. Candidates Gruening, Murkowski and Parnell will also address the gathering.

There will be workshops during the three days on subjects such as Native education, minority hire and alcohol and drug abuse. Native arts and crafts will be displayed in the Kuskokwim Room by artisans from all areas of the state. On Saturday a room will be set aside for the viewing of films on the native culture and community.

In conjunction with the convention, the Trade Fair will be held in the lobby of the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel. As always, the Trade Fair gives a wide variety of merchants and government agencies a chance to come in contact with a large portion of the rural population.

The convention will begin with a procession and dancing and will adjourn with the

Annual Tundra Times Banquet. Co-hosted by AFN, the banquet is the largest sit-down dinner in Alaska. As a major fund raiser for the Native publication, tickets are sold in advance. Reservations and ticket information is available through the Tundra Times office in Anchorage, at 279-0012.

For more information on convention activities, contact the AFN offices at 274-3611.