

ANB & S hold Convention

The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood held their convention in Hydaburg, Alaska November 14-19. Their annual elections were also held.

Candidates for Alaska Native Brotherhood Grand President were: Frank O. Williams, Jr., Dr. Walter Soboleff, and Robart Martin, Sr. Elected by majority vote was Frank O. Williams, Jr. Other officers elected were: Art Demmert of Craig, first vice president; Matthew Fred of Angoon, second vice president; Alfred Mckinley of Juneau, grand secretary; Jim Stevens of Klukwan, grand treasurer; and

Henry Benson of Petersburg, grand sergeant-at-arms.

Candidates for ANS Grand President were: Barbara C. Lewis, Johanna Hotch, and Emma Olson. Elected was Johanna Hotch of Klukwan. Other officers elected are: Harriet Knudson of Hoonah, first vice president; Geraldine Gardner of Ketchikan, second vice president; Jeannie Beaton of Juneau, grand secretary, Evelyn Hotch of Klukwan, grand treasurer, and Marlene Fred of Angoon, grand sergeant-at-arms.

There were quite a number of speakers including area director of the BIA and the president of Tlingit and Haida Association. The keynote speaker was Roy Peratrovich, Past Grand President of ANB, and presently on the Executive Committee of ANB.

Many interesting things took place, such as a resolution to take the first steps in formation of a statewide Indian Council on Aging. Other resolutions passed were: to protect and recover Native artifacts, to establish a job corps center in Alaska, and to resume monthly publication of the "Voice of Brotherhood."

There were resolutions on fisheries, limiting or eliminating commercial herring fishing in several key areas, opposition to closure of Fairweather grounds, recommending opening dates for various areas, and a resolution to support hand trollers in keeping the present system of issuing fishing permits and license rather than use the system of limited entry. There were several resolutions requesting assistance in building clinics in their communities and a resolution to assist local communities in organizing councils on alcoholism.