

Bush Justice Conference to Be Held in Minto June 10-12

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A conference on bush justice is planned to be held in Minto June 10-12 by Alaska Legal Services, Corp. through a grant from the Alaska Humanities Forum, announced Eric Treisman, ALS deputy director in Fairbanks. It is the second of its kind.

The first conference was held at Alyeska in December of 1970. Minto was chosen as the conference's site for "emphasis on greater participation as possible from Native peoples," said Loyette Goodell, of ALS in Anchorage. Treisman added that, "the problems in the bush weren't exactly the same as in Anchorage."

The conference will be composed of nine or 10 sessions, approximately three a day. The sessions will include panel discussions, speakers and explanations of the attorney general's office and its functions; the state's administrative agencies including the Transportation

Commission and the alcohol Beverage Control Board; the court system; the police, state troopers, village constables, and the Department of Fish and Game.

A session will also be on lawyers, and the paralegal proposals. "The saying is there's five lawyers west of the Yukon and north of the Alaska Range," said Treisman. Sessions will also be devoted to the correctional systems, jails and probation; juveniles; and the roles of the health, welfare, and education agencies.

"Through the conference, the Natives will be put in contact with the bureaucrats who are making decisions," said Treisman. The Natives will also have a chance to propose solutions to some of their problems which include alcoholism, lack of lawyers, law enforcement, and passing ordinances the right way. "Native input will be valuable to the state's administrative agencies, too," added

Treisman.

"A broad representation of those who rule Alaska and the Natives and others on the end who received it," said Goodell in describing the makeup of the participants who may be featured as speakers or on panel discussions.

Alaska Legal Services is now soliciting and requesting suggestions for participants from Native associations and village councils, said Goodell. A partial listing of people to be invited include John Sackett, Clifford Groh, Chancy Croft, Roger Lang, Emil Notti, Edward Naughton, Lowell Thomas, John Havelock, Eben Hopson, Bill Vaudrin, Andree Lena, John Rader, Jonathon Solomon, Richard Whittaker, Chris Cook, Bill Nix and Bob Hicks.

Invitations were also sent to Ralph Nader, Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Jay Rabino-witz, and Bert Hiersch, a New

York lawyer for the American Association on Indian Affairs.

Representatives from the offices of Senators Stevens and Gravel, Governor Egan, the

public defenders, the courts, the state bar, the state troopers, the Judicial Council and other administrative agencies are expected to attend.