

# Nixon declines AFN offer

Former President Richard Nixon has sent word that he will be unable to speak to the Alaska Federation of Natives annual convention to be held in December.

Nixon sent word through an aide that he is on a close deadline on a book he is writing and will be unable to make the keynote speech at the AFN banquet which will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Alaska Native Claims

Settlement Act, according to AFN President Frank Ferguson.

Nixon was invited in early February because he was the president who signed the ANCSA bill and his support was seen as instrumental in the act's passage.

Although no alternative speaker has been selected, Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson, (D-Washington) has been mentioned as an alternative speaker if Nixon was unable to attend.