

Historic Totem Raising— Great Potlatch Celebration

In the Tlingit language, Kake means "the town that never sleeps," a fitting title for this Indian village which on September 30, October 1 and 2 will host the first authentic potlatch held in Southeast Alaska since the beginning of the century.

It isn't too often that parties make history, but the three continuous days of celebration Committee promises to break records in Alaska.

Hundreds, may be thousands of Alaskans and visitors will be in Kake on September 30 to view the raising ceremonies for the "World's Tallest Totem," a massive 136 foot Alaska Centennial project which is being returned from exhibition at the

1970 Japanese World Fair to its resting place overlooking the native community of Kake.

For three days, people will dance, sing and hear the proud and ancient legends and history of the Tlingit and Haida Indians. The Kake Totem commemorates the historic glory that belongs to these peoples through art, and the potlatch celebration revives an ancient and glorious tradition of celebration.

The word potlatch means, simply, giving. The ceremony of the potlatch has been a giving and feasting experience called by an Indian group to commemorate a great event.

In 1904, in Sitka, the last authentic potlatch was held before a period of discouragement by missionaries and territorial officials. Many of these men saw the ceremonies as a pagan ritual.

Of course, they were mistaken and today, for the first time in decades, the villagers of Kake have broadcast notice of a potlatch which will make history.

Authentic Birch Bark Canoe Built

A birch bark canoe hadn't been built in Nenana since the early 1930's when Paul George's father built one as a toy.

From old photographs and recollections of David Esau, a Denai cargo canoe of traditional design was built this summer. The boat is entirely a product of Nenana and its surrounding woods. Every part is made with simple tools.

The flat, interlocking bottom and notched gunwales bow and stern make it exactly like the fishing canoes used on the Tanana and Lower Yukon Rivers. Several of these sturdy boats are pictured on a bank below Nenana in the Spring 1971 issue of ALASKA JOURNAL.

Some of the old construction steps were difficult to follow, but David Esau could remember most of them. For the rest his only comment was "This is a hard one. The hardest one. Why not?"

The canoe was built for a float trip down the Tanana River to the Yukon, but after completion the builders declared it a museum piece, too valuable to risk losing in the river.

"I wish we had a good place to put it," said Curt Madison, one of the builders, "maybe we'll have to start a museum."

The canoe now sits in Nenana.



AUTHENTIC BIRCH BARK CANOE—Builders of the authentic birch bark canoe, Athabaskan style, decided that the finished product was too valuable a risk allowing on a float trip down the Tanana River to the Yukon River. Builders declare it a museum piece. Builders are Curt Madison, left, and David Esau of Nenana.

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SBA Minority Loans...

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dear year.

Just starting in Alaska is the SBA's 8 (a) program—an assistance program which helps native Alaskans start out in various contracting businesses. The first native participant in the Alaskan program was Alaska Native Developers Incorporated, a firm co-owned by Ralph Perdue and Jules Wright of Fairbanks.

Under the 8(a) program SBA helps the beginning firm negotiate one or more federal contracts. Any federal agency can set aside work for the 8(a) program which SBA then contracts for—and subcontracts to native contractors.

They provide technical assistance during negotiations and some help—but this is assistance which diminishes each year and very soon the new company is going it on its own—but with experience and a reputation it did not have before.

"We certainly felt like we

earned it," says Jules Wright about the 8(a) contract his company is presently completing with the Federal Aviation Agency. By completing the contract, he is being successfully established with a bonding company and will be able to become bonded to bid on larger projects than previously.

Maxim Dulchak, an Alaskan native from Kenai, acts as minority loan officer for the SBA, according to Director Cox. Any native who wishes to apply for a minority loan should call, or write directly to:

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