

AFN ANNUAL CONVENTION IN FAIRBANKS



THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS—"Today we're taking the largest step for Alaska Natives and Native American peoples since Custer's last stand," said AFN President Don Wright as he

keynoted the convention of Alaska natives, "You have the responsibility of leading the state of Alaska and all Indian people in cutting a path of self-determination, justice and freedom."



COLOR GUARD—National guardsmen from Nome, in white uniforms and colorful scarlet berets, provided a special Alaskan guard to present the flags of the United States and Alaska

at the opening of the sixth annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives. As they retreat, AFN officers and members stand at attention.



TLINGIT DISSENTER—"What Alaska Natives have asked of the Congress is literally to be terminated," Jim Thomas told the AFN convention. "And Congress has responded along those lines. In talking with Congressmen, Senators and

their aides—the attitude seems to be—"Get rid of it (land claims)—kick it out—there's other business to tend to."

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