

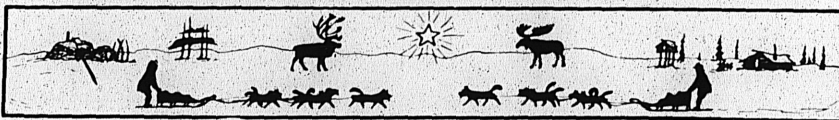
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## ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW DELEGATES TO MEET AT U OF A

Hammond, Hickel, Egan  
And Miller to Attend



TWENTY-SEVEN OF THE FIFTY-FIVE DELEGATES TO THE ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1955-56 gathered on the Fairbanks campus of the University of Alaska on April 23-24, 1966 to observe the 10th anniversary of the ratification of the constitution by Alaska voters and to take part in dedication of Constitution Hall, where the convention had been held. Posing for this reunion photo are, back row, from left, Maurice Johnson, Thomas Stewart (secretary of the convention), Douglas Gray, Victor Fischer, Leslie Nerland, Chris Poulson, Tom Harris, Barrie White, John Hellenenthal, Jack Coghill, Irwin Metcalf and James Hurley. In middle row, Katherine Nordale, William Knight, Dora Sweeney, Ralph Rivers, Helen Fischer, Edward Davis, Dorothy Awea Haaland and William A. Egan. Front row, Herb Hilscher, George Sundborg, James Doogan, M.R. (Muktuk) Marston, Warren Taylor, Seaborn J. Buckalew, W.W. Laws and John Cross. (University of Alaska Archives, Fairbanks)

FAIRBANKS — Alaskans prominent in government, politics and Native and public affairs will be active participants in the Alaska Constitutional Review to be held on the University of Alaska's Fairbanks campus Oct. 15-17.

Many of the delegates to the Alaska constitutional

convention of 1955-56, who drafted the document which is the supreme law of the state today, will also participate.

The Alaska Constitutional Review is financed by a grant from the Alaska Humanities Forum. Participants will attempt to determine how well the constitution has served the people of the state and also discuss the major issues confronting Alaska today.

The public is invited to attend the event which will begin with a noon luncheon in the Wood Center Ballroom featuring an address by Dr. Paul Ylvisaker, dean of Harvard's Graduate School of Education, on "The Vitality of the American Federal System."

At the general session on the first day of the three-day review, Anchorage Daily Times publisher Robert B. Atwood, a leader in the struggle for statehood, will speak on that subject, and former legislator and Alaska Federation of Natives president Willie Hensley will discuss issues in Alaska's future.

Former Gov. William A. Egan, who was president of the constitutional convention, will preside at this general session and join with all the other governors of the state — Walter J. Hickel, Keith Miller, and Jay Hammond — in an appraisal of the constitution and discussion of Alaska's future.

Seven workshops covering various sections of the constitution will be part of the review. Delegates to the original convention will take part in each.

Participants in the workshops on the legislative branch will include former representative Tom Fink of Anchorage, present House members Clark Gruening of Anchorage and Mike Bradner, the speaker, of Fairbanks. John C. Doyle, head of the Legislative Affairs Agency, will serve as chairman.

Taking part in the executive branch workshop will be John E. Havelock, attorney general in the last Egan administration; Andrew S. Warwick, former commissioner of administration under Gov. Jay Hammond; and Native leader John Borbridge, head of the Sealaska Corp. of Southeastern Alaska.

Associate Justice Jay A. Rabinowitz of the Alaska Supreme Court, who served a term as the court's chief justice, and Fairbanks attorney Barry Jackson, a former member of the Alaska House and one of the architects of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, will join the discussion in the judiciary branch workshop.

Eric Wohlforth, commissioner of revenue in the last Egan administration, and the present commissioner, Sterling Gallagher, will be participants in the finance and taxation workshop, along with Frank Murkowski, president of the Alaska National Bank, and Steve Cowper, currently a member of the Alaska House.

Kay W. Fanning, publisher of the Anchorage Daily News, will be chairman of the workshop on human rights and public responsibilities. Participants will include Attorney General Avrum M. Gross, Alaska Federation of Natives president Sam Kito Jr., and House member Lisa Rudd.

The former commissioner of highways under Hammond, Walter B. Parker, will chair the workshop on natural resources.

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## Bristol Bay Native Corp. Makes Plans At Meet

By MARILYN RICHARDS

The Bristol Bay Native Corporation may soon be following in the footsteps of the NANA regional corporation.

In May, 11 village corporations in the NANA region, excepting Kotzebue which is the largest, had merged with the parent corporation NANA.

The passage of the Omnibus Bill and an Alaska Native Foundation study which concluded many village corporations may go bankrupt for population, geographical and economic reasons enabled NANA to take action.

The stockholders of BBNC met for their third annual meeting in Dillingham Sept. 25. They had voted to do a study on the possibility of a merger. A study for geographical representation on their board of directors was also approved.

The Southwest Alaskan-based Native corporation purchased Peter Pan Seafoods, Inc. last year. A majority of the region's stockholders depend upon commercial fishing. This spring, a group calling itself the Concerned Stockholders' Committee was organized to protest the acquisition of Peter Pan and to demand information concerning the financial condition of the seafood company at the time of purchase.

The group currently has a suit against BBNC, which in turn has a counter suit. Officials of either

organization were unavailable for comment.

The issue of Peter Pan was

raised again at the meeting by few stockholders. However little

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## Don Young Receives NRA Award

WASHINGTON — The National Rifle Association has selected Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) as a recipient of its "Defender of Individual Rights" award.

"Rep. Young has long been a staunch defender of the law-abiding citizens' right to own firearms," stated Harlon B. Carter, executive director of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action.

Governmental Affairs Director and chief lobbyist Richard L. Corrigan stated, "Congressman Young has repeatedly stood up for the rights of gun owners in the halls of Congress by opposing legislation such as H.R. 11193, a bill designed to eliminate a majority of legally held handguns and put a full three-fourths of licensed firearms dealers out of business. As a member of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, which has jurisdiction over wildlife legislation, Rep. Young has been a constant friend and supporter of the responsible hunter."

A resident and former mayor of Fort Yukon, Rep. Young is currently serving his second

term in Congress. He has been a member of the state legislature, serving in both the House and the Senate, and previously worked as an educator and riverboat captain.

The awards program was initiated as a means of expressing

the appreciation of the NRA's over one million members to Members of Congress who have stood in the forefront in the battle against restrictive gun control legislation. Beginning this year, awards will be presented annually.



U.S. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska), receives the National Rifle Association's "Defender of Individual Rights" award from Richard L. Corrigan (left), director of the Governmental Affairs Division of the NRA Institute for Legislative Action and Michael McFarland, federal information liaison with the division. Rep. Young was presented the award for his achievements in the House on behalf of firearms owners and sportsmen throughout the nation.