

Tlingit-Haida... Udall to Keynote Banquet...

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president of the Tlingit and Haida Central Council, this week.

He said that these claims are being pressed in suits on file with the Indian Claims Commission in Washington, D. C.

Borbridge pointed out that in a different suit earlier this year, the United States Court of Claims awarded to the Tlingit and Haida Indians a recovery of \$7.5 million for the taking and use by the United States of certain of the tribal lands, primarily forest lands, above the high water mark.

"In that suit, however, the Court of Claims denied any recovery to the Tlingit and Haida for the invasion of the fisheries," declared Borbridge.

He further pointed out that in denying any recovery to the Tlingit and Haida for the fisheries in the earlier suit, the Court of Claims decided that the congressional statute which authorized that particular suit gave the Court jurisdiction to make an award for lands but not for fisheries.

Also, the Court of Claims ruled that no citizen has any ownership right in migratory fish or in fishing waters under established principles of U. S. law.

"However, the present Tlingit and Haida suit for the fisheries is brought under a different statute passed by Congress," Borbridge said. "This statute gives the Indian Claims Commission jurisdiction to make awards on the novel theory of 'claims based on fair and honorable dealings that are not recognized' by previously established principles of law."

Borbridge said that over the years, white industries have taken many millions of dollars worth of fish from waters which constituted the recognized exclusive fishing grounds of the Tlingit and Haida from time immemorial.

"It is the position of the Tlingit and Haida that when the federal government permitted, encouraged and assisted the white industries to invade the fishing grounds which were the natives' principal source of food and which, under Tlingit and Haida laws, belonged to their tribes and clans, such conduct was a violation of 'fair and honorable dealings,' and that the Tlingit and Haida are entitled in the present suit to full redress for all the losses suffered by them as a result of the invasion of their fisheries," declared John Borbridge.

Borbridge stated that while it may be correct that under U. S. law citizens do not have exclusive fishing rights in waterways, the Tlingit and Haida and their neighboring native groups recognized such rights under their laws in their local clans and tribes for many thousands of years before the white men moved into their territory.

The invasion by the non-Natives of the Tlingit and Haida fisheries, with the assistance and protection of the Government and without compensation to the Tlingit and Haida, was a breach of fair and honorable dealings.

"The Tlingit and Haida are prepared to go to trial promptly on these claims and are waiting for the Indian Claims Commission to schedule a trial date," stated Borbridge.

expects about 300 delegates to attend the October conference.

"Every village should have a representative there—they should make it a point to be there because it is going to be an important meeting," Emil Notti stated.

The conference setting has not been lined up as yet but Ralph Perdue and Emil Notti are cooperating to find a conference hall big enough to hold 500 people or more.

The Board of Directors of the Tundra Times has picked Sylvester Ayek and Richard Frank to be masters of ceremonies at the banquet.

Sylvester Ayek capably handled the master of ceremonies job at last August World Eskimo Olympics held at Seward Hall at the Alaskanland. Richard Frank is former Chief of Minto and has handled master of ceremonies at the annual Fairbanks Native Association Potlatch in Fairbanks.

Both men are well equipped with sense of humor.

The combination invitation card and brochure has now been printed and the envelopes are being addressed by hand by Miss Rhoda Forslund, Miss Toni Evans and Miss Marilyn Kangas. The invitations are being sent to 750 persons.

Bertrand M. Harding, acting director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, earlier had inquired indirectly to the

Tundra Times editor that he was available to be the keynote speaker but the editor had already approached Secretary Udall when the inquiry came.

Emil Notti and Howard Rock, however, are to invite Director Harding to be present at the banquet and possibly to address the AFN convention.

The Governor of Alaska, Walter J. Hickel, was the first dignitary to accept the Tundra banquet invitation. He will be asked to give an address at the banquet.

Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett has accepted on a "maybe" basis. This was due to his recent illnesses. Sen. Ernest Gruening, Congressman Howard W. Pollock will be at the banquet.

Nominees for U.S. Senate, Mike Gravel and Elmer Rasmuson will travel from Anchorage to the banquet. All of the state legislators are on the list to be invited. State Sen. Nick Begich has been sent an invitation.

Miss Rhoda Forslund is at Nome this week and will contact Thomas Johnson, president of the Northwestern Reindeer Processing Co., to see if about 200 pounds of prime reindeer meat can be made available for the banquet.

The main fare of the banquet, 500 pounds of king crab, has already been confirmed and will be sent up from Kodiak at the Times board request as to when

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and where to store them.

Emil Notti told Tundra Times editor that the AFN conference will give Orin R. Stratton, president of the Sheldon Jackson College, time to address the conference. Stratton is expected to speak on the higher learning of the native young people of Alaska.

Requests for reservations to the banquet are coming in the mail and by phone.

Mrs. Marge Pappas, director of the Pappas Nursing Home, is busily soliciting for the banquet and has asked for 27 choice seats at the banquet.

The banquet will be held on October 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the supper club Switzerland. The Times board thinks that a cocktail hour will be in order and the banquet will be at about 7:30 p.m.

The dress will be semi-formal. Tundra Times editor said that this will not be a strict request remembering Charlie Edwardson who came to the banquet in his parka and mukluks to the Times banquet two years ago.

Legal Services...

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Community Action Centers, made it known to the Alaska Legal Services Board of Directors that their villages needed a legal services program that would bring the law to the people who did not have the means to come to the cities for legal services.

In response to their request, staff and members of the Boards of Alaska Legal Services and Rural Community Action Program together with VISTA in Alaska worked long and hard together.

As a result, 6 lawyers have been assigned in the rural areas of Alaska under the direction of Alaska Legal Services.

Mrs. Lela Oman, who joined the Alaska Legal Services staff on August 1, will serve as Secretary - Interviewer in the Nome Office.

Laurel Bland, who came to open Nome Office last March, has returned to her home in Anchorage, and will continue during the next few months to act as technical consultant and liaison to the Nome Office from the Alaska Legal Services offices in Anchorage.

AFN Health Chairman

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cannot hire the aid of a dental assistant, which is in part a vital part of their dental team.

At the time of my meeting with Dr. Lee, they were in need of 176 full time employees and with each passing day with the quitting, transferring or firing of any employee, this vacated position cannot be immediately filled but only on a one for two basis, that is for every two employees that had quit or are transferred or even had died as the case may be, only one position may be filled. This will only create a hardship on the present employees and to the natives as well. This depletion will in effect be felt more readily by our Native people in the "Bush" areas.

As your Health and Welfare Chairman, I highly recommend and solicit your support by your writing to our Congressional Delegation in Washington, D. C., to Senators Bartlett, Gruening (Also to Gravel) and to Congressman Pollock as well as to Wilbur Cohen, Secretary of H.E.W., and to Senator Lister Hill in support of Senator Hill's bill exempting Division of Indian Health, U.S.P.H.S. in any cut back in funds or employment for these Departments that give direct health services to all of our Indian People and Natives of Alaska throughout the United States.

If this Bill is passed it will lift all restrictions on U.S.P.H.S. Alaska Native Health Service, in Alaska and in the lower 48. The more letters written, especially from our Native People from the "Bush" areas will give added support to the passage of this bill.

On the brighter side of my report I'm happy to mention that PHS has at long last received funds of \$300,000.00 for payment to village health aides for this coming year. The direct disbursements of these funds will be left entirely up to either the village councils, native associations or to an area wide association on a contractual basis by PHS. I'm certain that this will be brought up and thoroughly discussed and debated by our delegates at the forthcoming convention in Fairbanks this October. Also the following Service Unit Hospitals will schedule health aide training sessions as follows:

Anchorage Service Unit: September 9 thru September 20 (2 weeks);

Kanakanak Service Unit: September 30 thru October 11 (2 weeks); December 2 thru December 13 (2 weeks); February 24 thru March 14 (3 weeks).

Tanana Service Unit: October 21 thru November 1 (2 weeks); February 3 thru February 14 (2 weeks); March 24 thru April 11 (3 weeks).

Bethel Service Unit: April 21 thru May 1 (2 weeks).

Kotzebue Service Unit: November 11 thru November 22 (2 weeks); May 11 thru May 29 (3 weeks).

In 1968, 63 village health aides have already received either all or a partial training, and the projected health aides to be trained will be an additional 119 health aides to adequately service virtually every major village in Alaska. The above report I will elaborate or give a much broader coverage in my written annual report for the AFN Convention in Fairbanks this October.

In the matter of health aides I would strongly recommend that village councils, village leaders, or native associations select and recommend a health aide and also to select alternates where possible for future health aide training sessions, and that the selection of these aides as to their ability, capabilities and that they must be willing to return to their respective villages. Please submit your selections to either myself:

Lloyd J. Sutton Health & Welfare Chairman, AFN P.O. Box 346 Anchorage, Alaska 99541; or to: Mr. Don Shook U.S.P.H.S. Area Offices P.O. Box 7-741 Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

With this list we will be better able to coordinate the Health Aide Program with the respective Service Units in your area.

In closing I must again emphasize the need of your support by your letters and the sooner the better. I thank you and remain

Most sincerely yours,
Lloyd J. Sutton
Health & Welfare Chairman, AFN

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Tundra Times, Howard Rock
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Dr. Lee, US PHS, Anchorage

A-Frame Artists...

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I purchased two wooden Billikens and silently wished he had more to sell of the same. If my memory serves me right, the Chinese Goddess of Fertility is involved in the Billiken statue history. Luckily, Harry did not bless my precious purchase and I am not going to pray to them, not yet.

I noted that a great many figures had pointed heads and that his animals had square ones. Although I questioned Harry about this feature, he never gave me the reason.

He laughed heartily and his twinkling eyes lead me to believe that he works humor into his craft with a clever twist.

Eugene is a very unusual artist. He takes the time and trouble to create a story for each and every painting so that the owner will be informed. He attaches each tale to the back of each frame. I watched him working at his easel and his creation was just starting to take shape.

He, too, uses his native background as his source of draw supply, and stated with great pride that he was named Eugene Killigivuk after his grandfather who was a whaler.

Eugene started drawing when he was hospitalized with tuberculosis for a period of 5 years. He went to the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon and thought he might like to become an art teacher. I am pleased he started to paint as an artist and did not become the art teacher he had once wanted.

Eugene paints himself into the faces of many of his works. Unfortunately, I was unable to purchase any of his works because they were promised or already sold.

The young lady who is called "salesgirl" of the "A-FRAME" Shop is named Donna Blatchford and is at the shop through the auspices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Youth Opportunity Center. She is beautiful, charming and well versed.

A visitor is welcome and

treated most courteously. These were 3 of the people I met personally and I understand that about 60 artists from all parts of Alaska send their work to the "A-FRAME" Shop to be exhibited and sold.

Eighty five per cent of the monies collected from the sales go directly to the artist and the "whale" share of fifteen per cent is retained by the Anchorage Welcome Center, Inc., sponsor of this remarkable shop.

I learned the shop was opened on July 7th of this year with a budget of \$80 (it is now grossing \$100 per day). The rent payable to the Alaska State Housing Dept. is \$1.00 per year 'tis a pity because the lease is up as of December 31st.

It was so pleasant to pick up a piece of native craftsmanship and not find "made in Japan" stamped on the back, front or side. I know I am not alone in this pleasure and that it would be appreciated by countless other purchasers of "true" native craft.

It would be a great loss to both visitors and residents if the Anchorage "A-FRAME" Shop were to take its "treasure trove of authenticity" and silently fall down like the proverbial "House of Jack."

I left the world of Neuvanavik-Hoonda Kahit and although my eye was on a totem pole, my reach was pre-empted. I returned to my city of Fairbanks, the city that has what I want.

It has "TUNDRA TIMES," the only native newspaper in Alaska that enables me to tell you of all the wonderful discoveries such as the "A-FRAME" Shop. My Fairbanks may not have Cook Inlet, but it has "INNS TO LET" with primitive and rustic beauty unequalled.

PLEASE, CITY OF FAIRBANKS... DON'T EVER CHANGE... AND PLEASE, CITY OF ANCHORAGE... DON'T LET THE "A-FRAME" SHOP BLOW AWAY!

