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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETS

Committee Meets Today, Moves Up Date One Day

The joint Senate and House Conference Committee is meeting today in Washington, D.C., a reliable source told TUNDRA TIMES. It was also said that the House section of the committee met yesterday behind closed doors.

"Nobody is saying anything about what is being said," the sources said.

The Governor made a secret agreement with House Committee members.

Aspinall exploded against Senator Stevens for reports by Stevens that the House Senate Conference Committee was to meet last week.

Congressman Begich, Senators Stevens and Gravel are reportedly asking Governor Egan to fly to Washington today to confer with them and put together a concerted Alaskan stand. Otherwise, they fear the

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Bulletin

As the House conferees met behind closed doors Tuesday morning, reports are that House Interior Committee chairman Wayne Aspinall was enraged at the quarrel between AFN President Don Wright and Governor William A. Egan reported in the press. He expressed his rage at accusations by Don Wright that



AFN Delegation Seeks Land Selection Priorities

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A 14 man Alaska Federation of Natives delegation arrived in Washington this week to testify on the land claims issue.

The Washington delegation, led by AFN President Don Wright hopes to convince the joint Senate-House Conference Committee on land claims, scheduled to begin work this week, to give Alaska Natives first priority in selection of land.

If they cannot achieve their minimum settlement of 40 million acres of land and primary selection rights the AFN will consider trying to kill a land claims bill this session of Congress.

"The minimum acceptable legislative settlement is 40 million acres in fee simple title with selection rights on the full 40 million acres which have absolute priority over additional selections by the State of Alaska or the Federal Government," according to a memo to the Governor released Sunday by AFN President Don Wright.

"If this minimum goal cannot be achieved in Conference," the memo continued, "the Natives will have no other recourse than to attempt to kill the bill in conference; if that fails, to fight the conference report in the House and Senate, and if that fails to ask the President to

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RENO HERE WE COME—Two excited young ladies at Fairbanks International Airport Friday night were Mary Keller of Nome, Miss Eskimo Olympics (right) and Joanna Harper of Fairbanks, Miss FNA. The two were off to Reno to compete

with Indian girls from across the country for the title of Miss NCAI. With them are their chaperone Sally Hudson (left) and Daphne Gustafson, Miss Eskimo Olympics Coordinator.

—Photo by MARY JANE FATE

Miss Olympics Enters NCAI Queen Pageant in Reno

When Miss Eskimo Olympics parades past the judges of the National Conference of American Indians beauty pageant this week she will have her many friends to Nome to thank for the opportunity to be in Reno meeting and competing against Indian girls from across the United States.

Thursday night, less than 24 hours before she boarded the plane for Fairbanks and then Reno, there was no money to send 17 year old Mary Keller to Reno.

Just a day before, Eskimo Olympics Queen Coordinator Daphne Gustafson had found out the Arctic Native Brotherhood in Nome would not be able to contribute the \$250 they had promised to send Mary to the Reno convention.

Before Daphne could contact Mary, Mary had found out

herself. Through Wednesday, Mrs. Gustafson contacted possible funds sources around Fairbanks, with no luck.

Then, on Thursday night, Mrs. Dave DeVries called Mary to tell her how sorry she was Mary would not be able to compete for the Miss NCAI title.

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Stevens Asks William Rogers—

Officer Asked to Help Get Siberian Eskimos to Olympics

Senator Ted Stevens announced last week that he has written William P. Rogers, the Secretary of State, requesting that the United States assist the 1972 Eskimo Olympics in expanding participation in the Olympics to include Siberian Eskimos from the Soviet Union.

His action was taken in response to a request from Eskimo Olympics officials.

Said Stevens, "As well as helping to bring about better relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, such a program would have significant additional advantages. Preliminary response indicate tremendous support for the proposal.

"The Olympics are presently being expanded. It is my hope that they can lead to a greater exchange of ideas and that common problems can be resolved between people of various countries living in the far north.

"People-to-people programs such as this go to the very heart of international relations. Athletes from all nations speak a

common tongue. Eskimos around the world share many of the same interests and problems. I am asking the assistance of the State Department so that the Eskimo Olympics may be made truly 'olympic' in the very best sense of the word."

Eskimo Olympics, held each summer in Fairbanks, Alaska is sponsored by the board of the Indian, Eskimo, Aleut Publishing Co., which publishes the TUNDRA TIMES.

The 1972 Olympics will be on July 30-31 and August 1 in Fairbanks.

Special Land Claims Issue Due—

AFN, TT Special Edition May Number 100,000 Copies

TUNDRA TIMES, in conjunction with the Alaska Federation of Natives will publish a special land claims issue next month as a final report to the native people before a land claims bill goes to President Nixon.

"This issue is a necessity to inform the native people," announced AFN executive director Harry Carter about the special issue which may provide as many as 100,000 copies. Projected publication date for the commemorative issue is Decem-

ber 8. The special publication will include the full text of the House-Senate Conference Committee report on the land claims bill plus the AFN counsel's analysis of the provisions.

It will also report to the native people on the special AFN Convention to be held in Anchorage immediately after the Conference Committee finishes its work.

Filled with pictures, native

history and human interest the 1971 Special Land Claims Report promises to quickly become a collectors item.

Copies will be distributed to Alaskan native villages courtesy of the Alaskan Federation of Natives and will be available to the public for \$1 each.

Special reports from regional organizations, AFN programs, and other matters of vital interest to Alaskans will make the special issue a must reading.

AFN 1200 Housing Units Threat to ANICA Stability?

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The AFN plan to build 1200 housing units in bush areas this year may threaten the financial stability of ANICA, Alaska's oldest native cooperative.

Alaska Native Industries Cooperative Organization is an association of 40 village cooperative stores which joined together to facilitate purchase, shipping and administration.

The new housing units will increase several fold village requirements for heating oil in the coming year. Until the initial money for heating oil comes in ANICA has no money to pay for shipments of heating oil to the villages.

Under the coop system, villages pay a 50 per cent deposit

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