

VISTA Group Arrives

A large new group of VISTA Volunteers, under Rural CAP sponsorship, has recently arrived in Alaska. After undergoing a week of intensive training and orientation to rural Alaska and its primary concerns, the VISTA's left for their assignments last week.

Primarily, their assignments include village training for land claims and community organization, adult basic education, and work with youth programs and activities. Job descriptions and requirements are written on the local and regional level and submitted to Rural CAP.

The CAP contacts the ACTION Agency and supplies Volunteers to fill the job requirements that have been outlined on the local level.

New Rural CAP VISTA's and their assignments include: Jean and Mike Cavenas, assigned to the Koyukon Development Corporation; Ed and Carol Coll, assigned to the Information Services of the Public Health Service in Anchorage; Karen Frederick, assigned to the Copper Valley-Tanana Development Corporation.

Barbara Hodgin, assigned to the Cook Inlet Native Association; Ann and Tom Lewis, assigned to Yupiktak Bista in Bethel; Betty Melican, assigned to the Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation; Chris Pelkey, assigned to Kawerak, Inc. in Nome; Joe and Maurene Rogers, assigned to the Upper Yukon Development Corporation in Fort Yukon; and Adele Tousignant, assigned to the SEACAP agency in Juneau.

In addition to these new VISTA faces, there are three VISTA's who have been previ-



FORTUNA LEDGE HEAD STARTERS — This village is also known as Marshall, and has 15 youngsters in the program. Exenia Fitka is Teacher-Director; Alvin Owletuck, Teacher-Aide; Julia Papp, Cook; and Franklin Amouck is Janitor. Agnes Kelly is the Field Training Supervisor from Rural CAP.

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These include Geoff Comfort, who will be working with the Chugach Native Corporation; Dennis McQueen, who will continue with Maunelak, Inc. in Kotzebue; and John Glarner, who is working with alternative education programs in the Anchorage area.

Additionally, Rural CAP is working with other interested agencies in coordinating the activities of locally recruited volunteers on the village level. Close coordination is beginning between Rural CAP and the ABE Community Volunteer Program under the Department of Education in Juneau.

Organizations, agencies, or villages interested in obtaining help from the ACTION Agency through the VISTA Program, should contact Rural CAP in Anchorage for further information.