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CAP HOLDS MEET WITH GOVERNOR EGAN

Re Head Start

Parents and agency representatives from all over Alaska met in Anchorage on February 19 and 20 to discuss the directions of Head Start in the coming year.

The Rural Alaska Community Action Program's State Child Development Policy Council met at the Neighborhood Facility Center and discussed issues ranging from bilingual programs to health care in the Head Start Centers.

Whittier Williams Jr., a representative of the Kotzebue Parent Child Center, reported on his program and had high praise for the new director, May Henry.

Charlott Stefanich, a representative from Alaska Native Health Services, reported on her visits to Head Start Programs in Hooper Bay, Chevak, and Barrow, and felt that they were doing a good job with pre-school children.

Westine Holmes, representing the Office of Child Advocacy, gave a report on that program and introduced Betsy McGuire, the new Program Coordinator for the Office of Child Advocacy.

Winifred Lee, Representative from Hoonah, talked about the Head Start and Parent Child Center's Program for parent involvement.

Peter Martin from Stebbins described his center's coordination with the BIA school, and their use of closed-circuit television at the BIA school in Stebbins.

The Policy Council reviewed a film describing the bilingual program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Akiachak, and held a lengthy discussion on techniques and methods of bilingual instruction that could be introduced into the classrooms.

The Council was also given a report on the workshop on bilingual education attended by the Head Start Field Trainers.

Rosemary Davidson of the State Technical Assistance Training Office described the Child Development Associate Degree Program now being implemented by Alaska Methodist University.

The Policy Council also discussed the low-level of enrollment in some villages and the possibility of moving programs for the coming program year.

E.B. "Pete" Luttermoser, Office of Child Development, Region X, Program Operations Officer, attended the meeting and was impressed with the State Policy Council's ability to make decisions.

Bethel Students

Four students from Bethel visited Anchorage from February 25-28.

The students are part of Frank Barthel's class on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. They spent four days in Anchorage visiting agencies that are involved in the implementation of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Barthel's class is going to produce instructional videotapes about the Act and how it is going to work in the Calista Region.



GOVERNOR Egan Addresses RurAL CAP Board

Lauds Work with Egan

Although offering no immediate financial solutions to their funding problems, five RurAL CAP supporters were recently quite impressed and enthused over a work session held with Governor Egan on Saturday, February 23.

It is amazing that the Governor, in spite of his very busy schedule and countless state-wide problems, is so well versed in OEO and RurAL CAP in general, commented Mike Harper, Executive Director of the RurAL CAP Agency.

Governor Egan had addressed the full RurAL CAP Board earlier in the week and complimented the Board and the RurAL CAP Agency for the eight or nine years history of programs and challenges that the CAP has performed and proposed to the administration.

Governor Egan gave his whole-hearted support to keeping some type of National commitment for keeping Community Action alive and we have

his tentative approval to assist us in advocating a National effort to keep OEO going beyond its proposed phase-out date of June 30, of this year.

Harper asked Governor Egan to meet in March, in Juneau, with RurAL CAP representatives and hopefully, Mr. Alvin Arnett, National Director of OEO to discuss the future funding situation of OEO and RurAL CAP.

The RurAL CAP group felt that their chances of getting continued funding beyond June of this year would be greatly enhanced with the public support of Governor Egan and people in his administration.

Special assistants to the Governor were also in attendance and they were convinced that the CAP should remain alive to operate programs such as Head Start and Alcoholism because the agency has proven its competence by being successful in running these programs over the course of the years.

State Head Commends RurAL CAP for Its Many Achievements

The RurAL CAP Board of Directors received a commendation from Governor William A. Egan when he addressed them during their board meeting on February 21, 1974 in Juneau.

The Governor mentioned the agency's activities, and said the organization deserved a commendation for their achievements, including bilingual programs, the use of paid para professionals, instituting local counselors in Alcoholism programs, the development of a state-wide Native Commission on Alcoholism, providing equipment in village areas, and delivering services.

Due to deficient state spending, however, there would not be state funding of former OEO programs for this year.

In speaking of the energy emergency, the Governor said that a federal deputy administrator from Region X would be stationed in Anchorage, and an assistant will be in Fairbanks who will be responsible for fuel allocation in Alaska, to keep the public informed of services available, and also to encourage conservation efforts.

He commented that as far as they were able to determine, he didn't think there would be any problem in keeping storage tanks full.

On fisheries, Governor Egan commented, among other things, that he felt that under existing treaties, that Alaska can manage its own resources.

The Governor spoke on the future of RurAL CAP with regard to federal funding, and that it would not be possible to re-examine a changed role for the agency "at this time, pending the outcome of Congressional action."

He agreed to meet with representatives from the RurAL CAP Board of Directors and staff on Saturday afternoon February 23, to discuss the situation more fully. This meeting is covered in a separate article on this page.

In an open question and answer session following the address, Nick Gregory from the Bristol Bay area, informed the Governor that a letter had been written to the Secretary of State Kissinger informing him of the planned Bristol Bay International Fisheries Conference to convene in King Salmon on April 15.

Mr. Gregory said that the Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation had invited leading fishermen from Japan, processors, and other interested persons.

Mr. Bill Barr from Shishmaref told of his request for support from the board for permanent trail stakes between Brevig mission and Shishmaref to go to Good Hope River and Deering, which would cost about \$6,000.

The Governor said that he thought it was in the budget, and would see what the status was of the project.

Later that same afternoon, Commissioner James W. Brooks

of the State Department of Fish and Game, spoke to the board, and commented on resolutions that had been passed by the RurAL CAP Regional Director's Association at their last meeting in February.

The resolutions were aimed at problems facing subsistence hunting for rural people in Alaska, and urged the State Legislature to enact Senate Bill No. 129 establishing a guide licensing, and urged the State Board of Fish and Game to place limits on the numbers of each species of game (trophy) which may be taken by an individual guide's clients.

Increased trophy fees, and proof of meat salvage was also called for. Other concerns in the resolutions included seasonal opening and closing dates, use of aircraft, establishment of experimental restricted zones, and closing of hunting during the mating and breeding season.

Another resolution asked that the Fish and Game Board be split into two separate boards, that enforcement of Fish and Game laws be returned to that department, and that issuance of guide licenses also be put back into the Fish and Game Department.

Mr. Jim Douglas from the Attorney General's Office, spoke on consumer protection cautioning the public and the Native people in particular, on the "fly-by-night" type of operations that would undoubtedly be pursuing the recipients of the Land Claims money that is being distributed.

Along with being wary of the door-to-door canvassers, merchandise should be ordered by mail from only the older, established firms. Help may be sought from the Alaska Department of Law at 360 "K" Street, Anchorage, at 604 Barnette in Fairbanks, and Pouch K, State Capitol, Juneau, 99801.

Other dignitaries attending the meeting included Dr. Helen Beirne, House of Representatives and Byron I. Mallott, Commissioner, Department of Community and Regional Affairs who appeared on a paneled discussion with George Irvin, and John Shively, regarding the future of the CAP.

Also, John C. Finley, Director of Region X Office of Economic Opportunity, Seattle Office, spoke to the group.

Regular housekeeping matters were taken care of by the board and the next meeting place was designated to be held in the Upper Yukon Region, with the date to be set by the Executive Committee.



BETHEL STUDENTS—Nils Sara, Trainer for RurAL CAP instructs students from Bethel Regional High School in the basics of small studio videotape production.