

TB Prevention

U. S. Senator Mike Gravel has joined in the sponsorship of a bill which provides a comprehensive new federal program for care, prevention and research in tuberculosis and related communicable diseases.

The bill, introduced by Senator Ralph W. Yarborough (D-Texas), would make grants available on a project by project basis rather than the block grant system proposed by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

"This bill is a meaningful response to the unsatisfactory policy adopted by HEW which is at best a short-range program," Gravel said.

"Our legislation puts the money where the problem is," he

said, "not where there is a large population."

The HEW proposal included funds for Alaska this fiscal year, Gravel said, but in future years the funds would erode to insignificance.