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## HEALTH SERVICE EVALUATION

### NIHB Given Power to Evaluate Indian Health Services in Historic Move

By JACQUELINE GLASGOW  
Staff Writer

"Indian self-determination" was the administration's promise when President Nixon took office four years ago.

But "You can't self-determine in a vacuum," stated Dr. Emery Johnson, director of the nation's Indian Health Service.

"The key to present self-determination is strengthening tribal government and tribal institutions."

The three year old National Indian Health Board which met in Fairbanks June 2-8 is precisely the kind of strong, healthy organization Dr. Johnson is talking about.

In a historic and significant step, Dr. Johnson, representing the federal Indian Health Service, signed an agreement with this young group whereby the National Indian Health Board will conduct an evaluation of the health services that are available to the nation's Native and Indian peoples.

This marks a new direction for government services, a period in which the government is listening to the people receiving the services, a period when the consumer-recipient can respond and tell the administrators how the service is working from their

viewpoint, what is good and what is not so good.

The contract provides \$98,000 for the survey. The results will be directly applicable in terms of the needs expressed and should throw an entirely new light on the everyday consumer aspect of Indian Health functions.

This momentous contract and the openly receptive attitude of the government as personified by Dr. Johnson is indicative of

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### BBNA Regional Corp. Approved

The Bristol Bay Native Association received word this week that its regional corporation articles and bylaws were approved by the Secretary of the Interior, Rogers C. B. Morton.

Subsequently, Harvey Samuelson, president of the Bristol Bay Native Association, announced an organizational meeting for Sunday June 18 at 1:00 p.m. in Dillingham.

The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the bylaws and to approve a budget for the organization of the Bristol Bay regional

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MRS. GRACE SLWOOKO, chosen by Alaska Press Women as their first honorary member, is photographed by Tom Busch of KNOM against the late spring snow at Nome. The wind that day reminded her of her home at Gambell on St. Lawrence Island and she was glad there was so

much snow for the background. "I like snow, especially over here when they with great instruments like trucks make high walls of snow . . . otherwise I wouldn't have high walls of white without much backache."

— Photo by TOM BUSCH

### Press Women Choose TT Writer Honorary Member

By BETZI WOODMAN

Alaska Press Women have chosen Grace Slwooko, an Eskimo writer from Gambell, to be the first honorary member in the group's 10-year history. The selection is a salute to Mrs. Slwooko's success in communicating matters of one culture to another, in a language other than her native tongue.

Now a widow living in Nome during the school year, Mrs. Slwooko began writing for the Nome Nugget in 1965 and for the past two years has also contributed to the Tundra Times.

Although she writes in a "second language," Mrs. Slwooko's English has a lyrical quality which attracted the Press Women's interest.

A dedicated writer's desire to communicate is apparent in her work which tells of life on St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea, both memories of things past and reports of current happenings.

She also writes occasional poetry.

In her response to the invitation to become the honorary member, Mrs. Slwooko wrote:

"Writing is a treasure to me . . . the markings that curve so beautifully and tell, really tell, are so wonderful to me. If ever I write a book . . . it will be like when Mr. Columbus discovered America!"

Born October 22, 1921 at Gambell, Mrs. Slwooko tells of her struggles to achieve an education.

"From 1941 to 1949 I finally

got three years in high school . . . I would work at the hospitals and find some school."

Church schools, particularly the Seventh Day Adventists,

helped young Grace with her high school and she completed the 11th grade at College Place, Washington.

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### Slope Sets for Borough Election—Borough Chairman Candidates Campaign

By ROGER McPHERSON

A charter flight of lawyers, Arctic Slope Native Association Board of Directors, and Barrow people visited all villages within the proposed North Slope Borough except Point Hope.

On the first stop, villagers of Wainwright gathered to hear ASNA plans, information on lawsuits, and speeches by candidates for the borough offices of Chairman, Assemblymen, and School Board.

"When I speak of our land," Joe Upicksoun told the meeting,

### Sea Mammal Bill Goes to Senate

The Ocean Mammals bill has been reported to the Senate from the Commerce Committee.

Senator Steven's amendment was included in the bill and, in effect, permits Alaskan Natives to hunt for subsistence, sell meat and edible parts of mammals, and make arts and crafts and clothing.

"While I am grateful that Senator Hollings has tried to

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"I speak of the Arctic Slope region which is composed of five active villages."

The 56.5 million acre North Slope Borough will make it lar-

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### Interior Airways Flies Mercy Mission to Bangladesh

ANCHORAGE, AK — Neil Bergt, President of Interior Airways, announced in Fairbanks yesterday that the airline is flying a mission of mercy to Bangladesh. The plane left at 1 p.m.

One of the giant, 24-ton capacity Hercules aircraft in the Interior inventory is flying the mission, which is chartered by the German Red Cross.

The Hercules and its crew are scheduled to be on duty in Bangladesh for approximately 2 weeks, and will be flying food and medical supplies to the people suffering from famine and disease throughout the country.

Said Bergt of his airline's special charter, "We are pleased to be in a position to aid these people in their time of need." This is only one of the many types of missions which the Alaska-based airline flies throughout the world.

The Hercules is flying from Alaska to Tokyo, Hong Kong,

and from there to Dacca, Bangladesh.

During the past year, due to the unanticipated delay in pipeline activity, Interior has ex-

panded its operations worldwide. This expansion has enabled it to maintain a capability to service the pipeline as soon as construction begins.



ONE OF INTERIOR'S big Hercules planes, such as the one flying the mercy mission to Bangladesh.