

State Officials Answer Times On Neighborhood Youth Corps Matter

(Continued from last week)

"A major cause of delay in payment of fiscal checks was the necessity of waiting for an accurate and complete reporting of time worked from villages all over the state. These needed reports were in many cases delayed due to weather conditions normal to Alaska in late February."

"In reply to the statement that this years program is 'thin shadow' of last years program, it should be pointed out that last years program peaked at approximately 1,300 enrollees and this years programs are authorized 1,070 enrollees, hardly a thin shadow by most standards."

"The Juneau office of the Neighborhood Youth Corps has been charged with bungling and total inefficiency. All public agencies are, of course, open to such criticism at all time, in general and during election years, in particular. The lack of knowledge and understanding of the program that is attributed to those officials named in the articles is a distortion of facts and should be leveled, perhaps, at others involved in the program if this were to serve any worthwhile purpose."

"The Tundra Times states that Mike Bradner, former NYC Field Representative for Interior Alaska, resigned his post this spring because he was disallusioned with the way the program was being mishandled from Juneau."

"While it is perfectly true that Mr. Bradner resigned, it was due to his disagreement with policy and refusal to make the NYC programs in his assigned area function to the best of his ability within

the framework of authorized programs. In a three-month period Mr. Bradner was able to hire only two enrollees in the interior's area of the state. In contrast, his replacement enrolled 57 'Out of School' enrollees and 110 'Summer' enrollees in a period of 15 days. This combined total of 167 enrollees was only 13 enrollees short of the total authorization at that time for Interior Alaska."