

Involvement of Young People in Government



LEARNING GOVERNMENT—The first youth "interns" in the state's new program for the involvement of young people in government get together with Governor William A. Egan (seated center) for a group picture after receiving their departmental assignments in Juneau. They are (left to right, standing) Charles Dickey Jr., Anchorage; Jack McFarland, Kodiak; Doug Griffin, Mt. Edgecumbe; Joni Hendrie, Fairbanks; James Moore, Juneau; Anne Walker,

Kotzebue; Joseph M. Beedle, College; Olga Marie Malutin, Kodiak; James Rainwater, Homer; Cathy Jean See, Hoonah; Jeff Cacy, Anchorage; Joel Devore, Anchorage; and (seated, left to right) Bonnie Catherine Smith, Ketchikan; Janet Kay Shantz, Bethel; and Tonette Shears, Anchorage. George Nielsen, of Dillingham, delayed traveling to Juneau, was unable to be present for the picture-taking and joined the group later to take up his assignment.

JUNEAU—Sixteen youths who are the first participants in Alaska's new program for the involvement of young people in government began their first week on the job today as special assistants to the governor and

commissioners in the state cabinet.

The young people were assigned their posts following an orientation period upon arrival in Juneau last week.

The 16 and their assignments

are:

Joseph M. Beedle, 19, College, Department of Administration; Jeff Cacy, 17, Anchorage, Department of Public Works; Charles J. Dickey, Jr., 18, Anchorage, Department of Public Safety;

Joel Devore, 20, Anchorage, Department of Commerce; Doug Griffin, 17, Mt. Edgecumbe, Department of Environmental Conservation;

Joni Hendrie, 17, Fairbanks, Governor's Office; Olga Marie Malutin, 17, Kodiak, Department of Fish and Game; Jack L. McFarland, 20, Kodiak, Department of Highways; James Moore, 19, Juneau, Department of Law; George Nielsen, 20, Dillingham, Department of Revenue; James Rainwater, 17, Homer, Department of Natural Resources;

Cathy Jean See, 17, Hoonah, Department of Health and Social Services; Janet Shantz, 18, Bethel, Department of Economic Development; Tonette Shears, 18, Anchorage, Department of Labor; Anne Walker, 17, Kotzebue, Governor's Office; and Bonnie Smith, 17, Ketchikan, Department of Education.

The new program was established by the 1971 Legislature at the request of Governor William A. Egan as a step toward more direct involvement of young people in the decision-making process of government, and to enable young people to learn firsthand whether they desire careers in public services.

About 500 young people applied for the posts, and the 16 appointed were selected from a field of 40 finalists recommended by the Governor's Commission on the Involvement of Young People in Government.