

Interior Department Sends Emergency Aid

Bureau of Indian Affairs Commissioner Robert L. Bennett this week sent word to Senator Gruening that all personnel needed would be sent into the Fairbanks area damaged by flood waters.

He added that the situation for the Natives in Southeast Alaska was worsened due to the bad fishing season.

Congressman Jim Wright (D-Texas), chairman of the House Public Works Special Flood Investigating Subcommittee, which investigated the flooded central Alaska area around Fairbanks, has written to Secretary of

Interior Stewart Udall pointing out that "there is urgent need for the Bureau of Indian Affairs immediately to assign full-time personnel on an emergency basis for the next three weeks to help rehabilitate the flood-ravaged Indian population of the villages of Nenana and Minto on the Tanana River of Alaska."