

## Announcement Is Welcomed

An April 24 White House announcement that a supplemental appropriation of \$10.9 million for law enforcement on Indian reservations was being requested from the Congress by the Administration was welcomed by Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson.

"The Indian Community will be pleased to know that this request is being submitted to the Congress," he said. "The upgrading of law enforcement services, including the operations of the tribal courts, is badly needed."

For the 1976 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975, the Bureau of Indian Affairs had requested \$13.6 million for law enforcement. The request for a supplemental appropriation brings the total requested to \$24.5 million. In the current fiscal year \$10.1 million was appropriated.

If the funding for law enforcement services on the reservation is increased, a major part of the additional funds will be used for expanding staffs.

In some states Indian reservations are under state jurisdiction. In others, the state has no authority on the reservations, and both civil and criminal justice is the joint responsibility of the tribes and the Federal Government.

## Master in Family Court in Anchorage Erred

The Alaska Supreme Court in an opinion released today held that the master in family court in Anchorage erred when he denied a juvenile the services of an attorney of her choice in a non-delinquency matter.

But in a similar consolidated matter, the supreme court affirmed the actions of the family court master in denying representation by a private attorney.

The action of the family court master which was held in error stemmed from a proceeding involving a 14 year old girl who had left home seeking police aid in finding a foster home. She was placed in an emergency shelter, but left and returned again later.

She was later interviewed by a family intake officer and released to her parents. She refused to return home and on her parents' request was placed in detention. The family court intake officer then filed a petition alleging she was a child in need of supervision. At the subsequent hearing an Anchorage attorney appeared claiming the girl had requested his appearance.

The attorney for the girl's parents objected, claiming the parents should choose the child's attorney since they would be liable for attorney's fees and that

a juvenile did not have a right to an attorney in a non-delinquency proceeding.

The family court master maintained that the girl had a right to counsel, but that she should not be compelled to accept an attorney retained by her parents if she believed her interests were divergent from theirs.

Because of the financial liability, he said, the parents should at least be entitled to a choice in selecting an attorney to be appointed by the court.

The family court master then excused the attorney the girl had contacted.

The supreme court, in an opinion written by Justice Roger Connor, held that in cases where the interests of the child and the

parents are hostile, choice of the child's attorney by the parents might create an irreconcilable conflict of interest.

The supreme court stated that the child may retain an attorney of his choice, or in the alternative, ask the court to appoint an attorney. But, if the child has retained counsel, the court must respect the child's choice.

In reaching this conclusion, the supreme court also held that the rules of court require that when an juvenile matter has reached the formal hearing stage, a child's counsel is required to be present.

In the second matter involving the same attorney, the supreme court upheld the family court master's decision excluding the attorney from a dependency

hearing.

In that case, the supreme court said the attorney showed no direct interest in the case which would allow him to represent the juvenile.

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## TVC Looks Ahead

The Tanana Valley Community is looking ahead to next Fall's schedule. Jane Demmert, Coordinator of Community Interest Programs, is currently recruiting for instructors and course ideas.

Instructors' qualifications for teaching may consist of an academic degree, or the demonstration of ability in an area of expertise.

A few of the many categories of interest are: Art, Physical Education, Crafts, Pipeline Impact, and Alaskan oriented material, (culture, biology, ecology, sociology), particularly anything that applies to Fairbanks unique social and geographical position.

"We'd also like to have people who can teach traditional skills from their own culture, like, carving, sewing, basket making, or maybe story telling. We're open to new ideas for courses," says Demmert.

"If you're qualified in an area you think we might be interested in, come and see us."

Demmert's office hours are weekday afternoons, 1 pm to 6 pm. The phone number is 479-7035.

## IACB Will Accept Collect Calls by Artists

As a special information service, the Indian Arts and Crafts Board will accept "collect" telephone calls from Indian artists, craftsmen, performers, and organizations who want to contact the Board's professional staff in Washington, D.C., for advice and assistance.

As an advisory agency, the Board encourages and promotes the development of Native American arts and crafts, and seeks to innovate in the interpretation and preservation of these arts, to foster cultural education, and to stimulate support for Native American culture. The Board does not make grants or loans.

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## Teacher of the Year on Juneau Visit

Cordova elementary school teacher Trudey Bodey, Alaska's Teacher of the Year, will be visiting Juneau Tuesday, May 20, to meet Governor Jay Hammond, members of the Department of Education and members of the State Legislature.

She will be further honored at a no-host dinner the evening of the 20th which will be attended by representatives of the Department of Education, NEA-Alaska and the Juneau Education Association.

Ms. Bodey's nomination for Alaska Teacher of the Year came from the Cordova Education Association with numerous recommendations from fellow teachers and parents of students at Cordova's Mt. Eccles Elementary School where she has taught for the past four years.

Her selection was made by a committee including

representatives from NEA-Alaska, the Association of School Administrators, the Association of Alaska School Boards, the Alaska Department of Education, and a student from Juneau-Douglas High School.

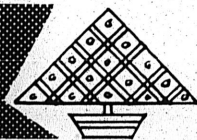
As a teacher, Ms. Bodey strives "to move each child forward, to challenge him or her to achieve some small goal but still reach for a star."

Among her many activities praised by community members was her presentation to each of her students at the end of a three-year program of an individually made plaque through which she tried to leave each child "with seven important words: try, think, learn, love, live, laugh, and give."

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