

Assistant Commerce Secretary In Alaska On Economic Matters

Eugene P. Foley, assistant secretary of commerce and director of the Economic Development Administration, will be back in Fairbanks late tonight after a visit to Nome, Kotzebue and Barrow.

Foley is in the state to tour and inspect facilities constructed with earthquake disaster funds and to discuss Centennial plans of major cities and towns before making a final decision on distribution of federal Centennial funds, according to the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

Fairbanks is seeking about \$1.25 million of the \$4.6 million allocated by the federal

government for the Alaska Purchase observance.

Foley will be guest at an early breakfast tomorrow morning, hosted by C.W. Snedden, publisher of the Daily News-Miner.

At 10 a.m. he will attend a joint meeting of the North Star Borough economic development committee and the council of the Western Alaska Boroughs Research and Development Conference.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting include:

1. Establishment of the Fairbanks North Star Borough as a redevelopment area.

2. Possible participation

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of the borough in an economic development district.

3. Preparations of an economic development program for the borough.

4. Assistance in the establishment of a Fairbanks industrial park.

5. Application of the boroughs conference for technical assistance in the design of a new method to determine the economic potential of the region encompassed by the boroughs.

6. Application for assistance for a study to determine how to best develop Alaska's tourist industry.

Following this meeting in the basement of the Chamber log cabin, Foley will lunch at the University of Alaska with Dr. William Wood.

At 3 p.m., he and his party will tour the Alaska 67 exposition site accompanied by an entourage of newsmen, city, borough, and Centennial officials.

A press conference will be held at 4 p.m. on the steamer Nenana at the exposition site.

During the course of the tour, Foley will assist in ground breaking ceremonies for the civic center building, one-half of which is to be paid for with EDA funds.

KENTUCKY: Comes from the Wyandot Iroquoian word for "plain," referring to land now part of central Kentucky.