

# Grant to Combat Dangerous Rubella

JUNEAU—Governor Keith H. Miller announced this week that a grant in the amount of \$137,879 has been made by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to the State of Alaska for immunizations primarily to prevent rubella, also known as the German measles or the three day measles.

The initial phase of the rubella immunization project will begin in the Fairbanks area. After the Fairbanks area immunization, State Public Health personnel will continue the program in the villages and outlying communities.

Although a mild disease, rubella is highly contagious. When contracted by pregnant women, undesirable results frequently occur for the unborn child.

Clinically established facts show that women who contract the disease during the first three

months of pregnancy stand a 16 per cent chance of having a miscarriage or still birth and a 17 per cent chance of giving birth to a defective child.

The rubella vaccine creates a lifelong immunity to the disease.

Governor Miller urged parents to have their children inoculated, particularly those children from the ages of one to 12.

It is this age group that is most susceptible and most likely to expose expectant mothers to the disease.

## Brave Handicapped Girl Supports Herself

An elementary school youngster whose severely damaged ears pulled a curtain of silence between her and the teacher is today a poised, personable young woman supporting herself as a typist.

Ear problems began plaguing Carol Capsul when she was a toddler in the Yukon Village of Holy Cross. As they grew more severe, her hearing grew correspondingly dimmer.

Meanwhile, because of another illness she underwent surgery for spinal fusion.

Following the death of her father when she was a preschooler, and of her mother when she was 12, Carol came to Anchorage to live with an aunt, Alberta Fisher, an employee of Alaska Native Medical Center.

Carol enrolled at Central Junior High School and it was then that her hearing problem became so acute that she was unable to follow the eighth grade instructional program.

Separate operations on each ear arrested the spreading infection, but left her completely deaf, and special schooling had to be arranged.

Four years at Utah School for the Deaf in Ogden provided Carol with a high school diploma and an excellent ability to read lips. During summer school vacations in Anchorage she worked as a library aid.

A business course equipped her with the office skills she was seeking to qualify as a full time office worker, and now she is employed as a typist in the stenographic pool at the Alaska District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Carol is an unusually mature, self-reliant girl," her supervisors

industrial and business opportunities supported by their timber harvests.

At present about 30 per cent of the total volume of Indian timber is purchased by Indian loggers and tribal enterprises.

# Alaska Villages Vote to Incorporate

JUNEAU—Three Alaska villages have voted to incorporate into fourth class cities, Governor Keith H. Miller's office announced this week.

Lower Kalskag, Akolmiut and Mekoryuk have been certified as fourth class cities, following favorable action by the voters in special elections held in August.

Elected to the five-member City Council of Lower Kalskag were Evan Levi, George Nook, Nicholi Sergie, John Smith and Sinka Williams.

The City Council of Akolmiut will consist of Lloyd Andrew, Chuck Chaliak, Sr., Alexie Mochin, Herman Neck and Nick O.

Nick. Mekoryuk voters elected Jerry David, Sr., George King, Sr., Edward Shaving, Sr., and George Williams, Sr. A tie for the fifth Council seat between Walter

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## Lower 48 Indian Lumbering Ups

Aided by record lumber prices, Indians in the United States earned \$32.7 million—twice the amount of two years ago—from the sale of reservation timber in fiscal year 1969, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs announced.

The \$32.7 million represents an increase of \$11 million over the previous fiscal year. However, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Louis R. Bruce said that the same level of income cannot be expected to continue in the face of recent declines in the market value of timber.

The amount of timber cut increased to 974 million board feet, 23 million board feet more than in the preceding year and 73 million more than two years ago. The most significant increases were in Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, Washington and Oregon.

Indian timber resources are harvested on a sustained-yield basis, to prevent over-cutting and eventual depletion. Bureau officials said that the present annual allowable harvest of 1.04 billion board feet may be reached in this fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1970.

Just as important as the income from timber sales are the job opportunities in lumbering and lumber processing created by the harvest.

The present allowable harvest would provide over 7,000 full-time jobs in logging and milling and more than 4,000 jobs in supporting and service employment, with total annual wages of about \$50 million, Commissioner Bruce said.

Commissioner Bruce noted that several tribes are taking an increased role in developing the

## Military Academies Seek Cadets

WASHINGTON— All young men interested in attending any of the four military academies should contact U.S. Senator Mike Gravel.

Senator Gravel said applications for the academies—Air Force at Colorado Springs, Colorado, Navy at Annapolis, Maryland, Merchant Mariner at Kings Point, New York, and Army at West Point, New York, are now being accepted for the class of 1970.

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