

Peter Kunnuk, Jay Silverheel

Attend Alcoholism, Drug Abuse Meet

The American Indian Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Inc. held a workshop and board of directors meeting in Salt Lake City during November which Peter Kunnuk of the RurAL CAP staff attended.

Kunnuk, a program specialist, said the main stress was to obtain Indian and Native-oriented educational materials which will be prepared in a progressive series for instructors and counselors.

Indians who work in alcoholism programs on reservations will collect materials and the Commission, along with members of the board, will be res-

pensible for obtaining funds.

Jay Silverheel, who is Tonto of Lone Ranger movies fame, also attended the workshop. He talked about film making and gave information and ideas for them. Silverheel is a director and producer of films on his own.

The Commission is a non-profit corporation operated for the promotion of social welfare of Indian and Native peoples. The net earnings are devoted exclusively to charitable, educational or benevolent purposes.

They provide technical assistance to Indian groups con-

cerning program planning and development; solicit information on possible funding and make this knowledge available to Indian alcoholism and drug abuse programs. A central communication base, funding referral service and public relations activities are being developed.

The commission will strive to involve younger people in the planning process and will create work-study programs which will include preventive educational devices.

There are ten regions, Alaska is in the third region, Kunnuk stated, and these resources will be available to our state.