

# Hydaburg Hearings May Be Held Mar. 9

Hearings will be held at Hydaburg on a departmental level on March 9 or shortly thereafter on the problem of operation of the fish cannery, according to information given the Alaska congressional delegation last week.

Secretary of the Interior Udall has assigned his assistant Max N. Edwards, legislative counsel for the department, to take testimony at Hydaburg. It is expected Mr. Edwards will be accompanied by a representative of an outside auditing firm and others.

In the past, operation of the cooperative canneries at Klawock and Hydaburg has alternated each year, it being Hydaburg's turn this year. However, the Bureau of Indian Affairs earlier determined that the Klawock cannery would operate, leaving the Hydaburg facility closed.

Representations were made to the members of the Alaska

congressional delegation by Hydaburg residents that they were unsatisfied with the reasons given by the BIA.

The delegation advised Secretary Udall that in fairness to the contentions made they thought a representative of the department should meet with the Hydaburg people.