

Anchorage-Fairbanks-Juneau—

ALSC Offices Closing

Frank Flavin, Executive Director of Alaska Legal Services Corporation announced that Legal Services in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau will be forced to close their doors to any new

clients on September 3, 1974.

Emergency cases will be processed but all other cases will be placed on a list for eventual referral to the local bar association.

Flavin explained that the office closings are because of an OEO decision to cut the program's monthly funding allocation by one-third beginning September 1, 1974.

Flavin said the funding cut will severely reduce the service level of the Alaska Legal Services Corporation program and may cause the elimination of one or more of the program's nine offices.

Temporarily closing these will allow program's lawyers to consolidate existing cases to be disbursed to private attorneys through the court systems.

"If the decision to reduce Alaska Legal Services Corporation funding is not reversed by the end of September the consolidated cases will be brought to the attention of the court for their referral," Flavin said.