

*State and Natives Richer—*

# Distribution of Land Revenues

Both the State Treasury and Alaska Native Regional Corporations are richer today, due to the semi-annual distribution of revenue from lands in Alaska that are managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Curtis V. McVee, Alaska State Director for BLM, said that of all 23 states which share in revenue from Federal lands managed by BLM in their respective states, only three states received more money than Alaska.

Mr. McVee said that mineral leasing, rental, and royalties, along with grazing leases and public land, brought in \$5,706,736.38 in Alaska between Jan. 1 and June 30 this year. Under terms of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, \$800,479.49 of this was deposited to the Alaska Native Fund.

Of the \$4,906,256.89 remaining, the State of Alaska received \$4,445,096.12. Under the State-

hood Act, Alaska gets 90 percent of mineral leasing revenues collected on Federal lands in Alaska, or 4,415,631.20.

The other \$29,464.92 represents the State's share of five percent of net proceeds from sale of public lands and materials.

The remaining \$490,625.69 is deposited in the United States Treasury.

Nationwide, McVee said, a record \$73 million has been distributed among 23 states. This represents a 150 percent increase over the same period a year ago both nationwide and in Alaska; a year ago the State of Alaska received \$2,707,117.41 as compared to \$4,445,096.12 today.

McVee said that because of the Statehood Act, Alaska receives 90 percent of mineral leasing revenues collected in Alaska, while all other states receive only 37.5 percent of Federal revenues collected within their respective states.