

## *Part of the 'Good Neighbor' Policy—*

# Army Transports 1800 Pound Generator to Birch Creek

The airlift of an 1800 pound generator to a State operated school at Birch Creek, 26 miles southwest of Fort Yukon is just the latest example of the army's "good neighbor" policy in Alaska.

It is supported wholeheartedly by Maj. General James F. Hollingsworth, commanding general of the U.S. Army Alaska.

The flight strip serving Birch Creek has been closed for weeks and is expected to be unusable for some time to come. Only a helicopter could deliver the big object in mid winter.

The 236th Aviation Company of USARAL's 19th Aviation Battalion plans a military mission to Fort Yukon in the near future.

Birch Creek is on their flight path, so the Army aviators will stop there to deliver the generator on their way to Fort Yukon.

During the past few months, the army has participated in many civic action programs.

In cooperation with PHS, the

army has given medical and dental assistance to native people in several villages since last summer, an action which may turn into a regular program.

In February, two medical specialists in ophthalmology and ear, nose and throat problems

assisted citizens at Kotzebue, on assignment from Bassett Army Hospital at Fort Wainright. The Army doctors held a three day clinic at Kotzebue.

Last September, an Army doctor-dentist team held a medical clinic for residents in the

Kuskokwim River Valley while in the area in conjunction with inland waterways navigation training held by a Fort Richardson infantry unit.

A similar service was rendered in October at St. Lawrence Island and in January in Bethel.