

ASCAP Board Holds Productive Meeting

The Alaska State Community Action Program board met in Barrow last week at the multi-purpose room of Barrow high school building. The meeting was chaired by Dan Lisbourne, president of ASCAP.

The meeting was evaluated as "a real productive meeting" by board member, Hugh Nicholls of Barrow.

Passing through Fairbanks this week after attending the board conference, Dan Lisbourne said:

"We are seriously looking into the arts and crafts associations like the one King Islanders organized at Nome, Nome Skin Sewers Association, other coops, and Alaska Native Industries Cooperative Association (ANICA). We want to try to help them get on their feet."

Hugh Nicholls was appoint-

ed chairman of a study committee formed at the meeting to explore ways and means of helping the cooperatives.

Village economic development was an important issue discussed.

"Largely for the first time, the board was able to relate to the area in which it seeks to expedite economic development," said Nicholls.

"By observing the progress of Barrow in areas of housing, native local employment, cooperative development, and community enterprise, all of which has been initiated on a local level without extraneous administrative expense, the board was able to judge the untapped potential inherent in the native rural areas when knowledgeable people make the right approach in finding out the

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village needs."

The above idea was emphasized by Sam Taalak, general manager of the Barrow Utilities, Inc., who addressed the board by invitation. He gave a brief outline of the history and development of the locally owned utilities cooperative from a beginning with a loan from a beginning with a loan of \$200, to the present \$800,000 corporation.

William Neakok, teacher director of the Barrow Head Start program, brought the board's attention to inequities in the Barrow program, causes due to program planning that have been done by persons unfamiliar with Barrow and without consultation of local interested persons.

Max Brewer, director of the Naval Arctic Research Laboratory near Barrow, addressed the board on the afternoon of September 19, emphasizing the importance of the local native population in the employment picture of the Laboratory.

He pointed out to the gathering that the present day Arctic picture is one where the native population is the stable group while the white man in the Arctic is the nomad coming to the area to work, sending his money outside, and leaving when the work slacks off or terminates.

Brewer pointed out no lasting or permanent economy could be developed in the area unless it is permanently involved with the permanent residents, the native people.

Just prior to the adjournment of the board meeting, the group chose the city of Ketchikan as the site for its annual meeting on October 23-25.

"This will be the required annual meeting and at which time, the most important piece of business to be considered by the board will be the selection of a new director," Hugh Nicholls said.

Nathan Perselay is now acting director of the poverty agency. He is acting in that capacity after Flore Lekanof resigned the directorship last month.

On the evening of September 20, the board was given

a dinner by the Vennell Corporation at the invitation of Art Bowman, superintendent of Vennell operation at Barrow.

One evening was also set aside in which Pete Sovalik and his Barrow Eskimo dancers performed for the board.

After a series of story dances by the Sovalik group, the board members were persuaded to join the final motion dance.

Attending the ASCAP board meeting were: Dan Lisboume, president of ASCAP; Nathan Perselay, acting director; Marlene Johnson, San Francisco Target Area Representative; Al Ketzler, Nenana, Interior Target Area Representative; Emil Kowalczyk, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Juneau.

Jeff Jeffers, State Depart-

ment of Education; Leo Brown, State Department of Labor; Dr. Chapman, Department of Health and Welfare; Farrel Campbell of the AFL-CIO; Rev. Jones, Council of Churches; Hugh Nicholls, Arctic Slope Native Association; and Miss Carol Bahr, ASCAP secretary.

Non-board members attending the meeting were: Kris Lethin, State Director of OEO, governor's office; Wallace Craig, Regional Superintendent of BIA, Fairbanks District, who appeared briefly; Mrs. Lee Perselay; and H. L. Brown, father of Leo Brown.