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OVER-INCOME FAMILIES TO PAY HEAD START

Newly Appointed—

Regional OEO Director

Newly appointed regional director for the Office of Economic Opportunity, James L. Young visited Anchorage on his first official day in office. Formerly regional deputy director,

he succeeds Thomas H. Mercer in heading up the Region X office which includes Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

While here, Young conferred with the Congressional Delegation

and John Shively, executive director of Rural Alaska Community Action Program, and L. W. Macatee, of the Greater Anchorage Area Community Action Agency.

The new regional director stated that the community action programs here were in better shape than they have ever been, with the major problem still being not enough money for the social type programs the people desire.

He said that no changes were contemplated in the programs at the present time and that he would emphasize the necessity for continuing community involvement and commitment by local government agencies.

Young was accompanied to Alaska by Don D. Wright, chief of Congressional relations and public affairs for OEO in Seattle.

Type of Payment to Be on Sliding Scale

The executive committee of the Rural CAP Board of Directors met on August 27 in Anchorage. Director John Shively reported that Alaska's new field representative for the Office of Child Development is Mr. Willie Allen.

The national Office of Health Education and Welfare has proposed that over-income families of Head Start students pay for their children to attend Head Start classes on a sliding scale type basis, to be effective September 1, 1971. However, due to the recent wage-price freeze, it has been postponed.

Mr. Shively also announced that there have been major personnel changes within the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The new director is Mr. Philip Sanchez, replacing Mr. Frank

Carlucci; Mr. James Young was made acting director for the Alaska and Pacific Northwest region and has since been appointed as regional director as of September 1; Mr. Tom Mercer resigned his position as director of Region X to become director of OEO's Region IX; Mr. Steve Hilterbrant has replaced Charles Sauvage as Alaska's field representative.

Mr. Sauvage resigned to assume the position of Acting Director of Region X's ACTION program.

The committee voted to adopt a resolution on the use of local labor, business and resources which requests that the Alaska Federation of Natives and Alaska State Housing Authority take action to ensure that local timber resources be used wherever possible with particular interest being given to the development of the Middle Yukon and Upper Kuskokwim regions, in order to provide substantial employment for the people of that area.

Also the development of contracting firms which would be owned and operated by rural people and which would be given preference in the awarding of all contracts awarded in the Model Village Program.

And further, that village people be involved in the planning and implementation of the Model Village proposal in order to ensure proper site selection and preparation, house design and utility system design.

The Parent-Child Program application was approved by the committee and it was approved by the committee and it was approved that Mr. Peter Seganna of Nome be selected as the representative from that region for the Alaska Legal Services Board of Directors.

In other action, the committee voted to hold the annual meeting of the Board of Directors in Kake on October 1, 2 and 3, 1971 and that training for the new board members would be held on September 30.