

Grace Lincoln to head ANSAP

George Barril, executive director of ANCADA (Alaska Native Commission on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse) announced the recent appointment of Grace Lincoln to head the Alaska Native Special Alcoholism Program (ANSAP). She replaces Charles Oxereok who resigned last fall to take a position with the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Mental Health Department.

Prior to her new duties as ANSAP Project Director, Ms. Lincoln headed the ANCADA media department which jointly is responsible for developing multi-media public information and education materials on alcoholism with the National Council on Alcoholism - Alaska region.

She has been associated with the nursing and health profession since 1947 having held positions in Pennsylvania, California and Alaska. In 1973-74 she traveled to Spain as a staff nurse with the Alaska International Academy.

Her first priorities will be to continue the concurrent coordination of ANSAP's regional technical assistants with their respective regions and also with other statewide organizations.

In the process of being finalized is a continuation grant which will be delivered to Washington, D.C. before February 1. ANSAP's ongoing activities in the coming year area



GRACE LINCOLN of Kotzebue assumes her new duties as project director, Alaska Native Special Alcoholism Program (ANSAP).

contingent on approval by the Indian desk - NIAAA (National

Institute on Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism).

D-2 Lands withdrawals

WASHINGTON—Assistant Interior Secretary Nat Reed today proposed to the Senate Interior Committee that the Interior Department and Congress "develop a process in 1976" for dealing with Alaska D-2 land withdrawals.

Reed responded to questioning by Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, on Gravel's proposal to establish a permanent Federal and State Planning and Land-Use Commission to deal with lands in Alaska on a continuing basis. Reed said that a year's experience in dealing with some of the lands where conflicting values are minimal would help to develop a process for arriving at some decisions.

The Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks said he would "have an open mind" in working with Congress and would be "willing to look at different ways" of effecting decisions on this final withdrawal of federal lands in the nation.

Gravel said his commission proposal was based on the record of experience with the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission which was created by his amendment to the Native Claims Settlement Act.

The Alaskan lawmaker agreed there are lands in the withdrawals on which there is now agreement for inclusion in the federal system. But, he said, this is not true of all the lands under consideration.

There should be an on-going body to adjudicate the use of such lands when more knowledge is available, Gravel said.

Gravel noted that the state administration has also proposed a commission approach to dealing with the land issue, with immediate action on some areas of the withdrawals.

The Alaskan democrat said his proposal differs in that he suggests all the lands in the state "go into the pot" and be subject to statewide planning. He said that such a planning commission could be a prototype for the nation.

Gravel said he thinks it would be "arrogant to dispose of land with a minority of what the population will be 25 years hence."

He pointed out that when federal withdrawals were made for national refuges and similar areas 20 years ago, "he didn't have the environmental maturity we have today." "There have been extremes," he said, "but with a mechanism for dealing with land use planning we can avoid those extremes."

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Meeting rescheduled

The D-2 lands meeting originally scheduled for December 6th but postponed due to extreme cold weather has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 10th, according to Governor Hammond's Fairbanks Assistant Larry Holmstrom.

The meeting will be held in the multi-purpose room at Ryan Jr. High School from 9 to 6.

Commissioner of Natural Resources Guy Martin will conduct the meeting.

Holmstrom said, "This is an opportunity for the people of the Fairbanks area to tell

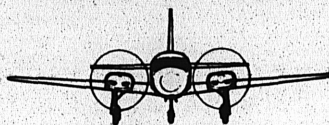
administration representatives what they think is right or wrong with the D-2 proposal announced by the Governor several weeks ago.

"Nothing has been set in concrete yet, because we want to hear how the people feel about the governor's proposal before we approach the Congress with it."

Copies of the newspaper insert explaining the governor's proposal are available at Governor Hammond's Fairbanks office, 675 7th Avenue, Station "H."

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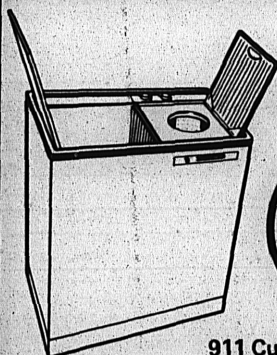
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