

Directors Nick And Lisbourne Plan Programs

Field Executive Directors RurAL CAP, Margaret Nick in the Southwest, headquartered in Bethel, and Dan Lisbourne, Executive Director of the Northwest, headquartered in Kotzebue are responsible to their respective development districts for planning and implementing economic development action programs in priority depressed areas.

The development districts are administered by representative boards. The Southwest district is under the chairmanship of Mr. Martin Moore of Bethel and the Northwest District is chaired by Mr. Lester Suvlu of Barrow.

Among those projects of immediate importance that will be effected this year are the construction of a village complex facility in the township of Emmonak.

This installation will consist of hotel rooms, a public meeting house, library, public washeteria, and possibly a cafe facility.

Presently this development conscious village which consists of 430 inhabitants situated over 100 miles from Bethel has few

public facilities or utilities.

The priorities in the Northwest which will be emphasized at this time are salvaging surplus buildings in strategic villages in the Northwest, Ambler, Noorvik, Selawick and Kiana.

These towns will furnish free labor to work in conjunction with the Corps of Engineers and private contractors to dismantle and freight the buildings to the respective villages this June and

July.

The plans and construction of an air terminal at Barrow, Alaska is also envisioned for completion on a short range work program basis.

Barrow has never had an airport facility although it has become one of the most progressive and fastest growing towns in the Northwest with a high rate of tourist traffic throughout the spring and summer months.