

# Adams Lauds Volunteers for Centennial

Volunteers who contributed their time toward helping to prepare for the Alaska centennial celebration next year were given wide credit by the executive director of the Alaska Purchase Centennial Commission, Herb Adams.

"The long hours and unselfish activities which volunteers freely give is really amazing," he said.

"There just wouldn't be time enough for a small group of workers to accomplish a suitable celebration for the great State of Alaska.

"Wherever work needed to be done, these men and women and young people, too, have come forward with a cheerfulness and with helpful attitudes that are really inspiring. I wish I could tell each one individually that I do realize the problems, differences of opinion, enlightened compromises made, sheer hard work and long hours they put in."

"I'd like to say," Adams continued, "a sincere 'thank you' to each one, because I know without their contributions we could not have a fitting anniversary. I think because of them all pitching in that Alaska is going to see in 1967 events that will go down as some of the most outstanding in Alaska's history."

The federal government, with Congress authorizing participation of \$4,600,000 in matching money, has raised the state's centennial to one of national interest, as well as enhancing economic betterments Alaskans and their visitors will enjoy.

Community centers, museums, tourist facilities, related service industrial establishments, historic libraries, are under construction and are contributing to the inventory of Alaska's physical assets in a magnitude not thought possible before centennial.

Because of volunteers all across the state who are deeply engrossed in Alaska's anniversary, there is to be a spectacular year-long holiday next year.

All Alaskans will respond with pride and with profound gratitude to these dedicated private citizens working so unselfishly now for Alaska's Purchase Centennial of 1967.