

# State Nods to Nome Vocational Center

JUNEAU—The State of Alaska has endorsed the development of the Nome Vocational-Technical Center in a letter from Secretary of State Robert W. Ward to Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans.

Ward told Stans that the State will convey the site of the center to the City of Nome. The site will be adjacent to the present William E. Beltz Regional High School.

The State also will expand the Beltz Regional High School by adding approximately \$2 million worth of capital improvements to the existing facility in conjunction with the development of the center.

The State will accept as the local matching share of the \$2 million improvement program the monies spent by the Economic Development Administration and the City of Nome in the development of the Vocational-Techni-

cal Center.

The expenditure anticipated by EDA and the City of Nome in this regard is expected to approximate \$1,144,000.

The State will grant to the City of Nome \$228,000 to use as its matching share of the EDA grants to be authorized for the development of the center.

Such State funds are currently available from the proceeds of general obligation bond sales previously authorized by the voters.

The operation of the center will be under the supervision of the Regional High School Board. The State will annually allocate funds for the continuing operation and administration of the center.

Training programs are to be available to adults on a "prime time" basis and such programs also will be available to regularly enrolled students of the high schools in the community.