

# Mauneluk Association of Kotzebue Receives Administrative Grant

Approval of a \$42,000 grant to help continue a program of planning for long-range economic growth and new jobs in native communities of northwest Alaska was announced today by William W. Blunt, Jr., Assistant

Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Mauneluk Association, with headquarters in Kotzebue applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of

Commerce.

The association will use the grant to pay the administrative costs of its economic development planning staff through June 30, 1975.

The staff conducts research,

planning and promotional activities in support of the association's efforts to create jobs and increase incomes in ten native communities — Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalina, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, Sel-

awik and Shungnak.

During the last year, the association has conducted an inventory of the region's resources and compiled a list of fields in which development appear desirable and possible.