

Book Still Lost—

Community Inventory

This is the Amazing Third Installment of the Tundra Times Continuing Battle with Bureaucracy in trying to locate a book called "Alaska Community Inventory" published by the now defunct Federal Field Committee.

In July we reviewed the book, which lists population and facilities of 231 Alaskan villages, and directed those interested to the Federal Field Committee office, later found to be closed.

Last week, in light of many requests for the book, we tracked it to the Department of Economic Development which directed our readers—with considerable authority—to the U. S. Department of Commerce headed by H. Phillip Hubbard in Anchorage.

Now Hubbard writes us that he doesn't stock the book and ~~who~~ is not too sure of his references.

"The Federal Field Committee publication, "Alaska Community Inventory" was given wide-spread distribution prior to the expiration of that office," he wrote.

"I have been told that a distribution list was not retained and, therefore, I am unable to suggest an alternate source for the publication. I would suggest, however, that you check ~~with~~ the library at the University of Alaska, and also call the Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research.

"The publication was printed in such a manner as to facilitate Xerox copying. We have loaned our one copy for this for this purpose. If you are unable to locate a copy in the Fairbanks area, I shall be pleased

to forward our file copy on a loan basis."

At this point we are about to check the rare book section of the library and have nearly given up on tracking the stock of books that must exist somewhere.

The Federal Field Committee is a much missed coordinator of Alaskan problems but it certainly did not coordinate its exit in characteristic good form.