

'T.V. Now'—

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA—United States Senator Mike Gravel has proposed that Alaska initiate a "T.V. Now" program which will bring television into a 171,000 square mile area of Alaska.

Senator Gravel has asked assistant defense secretary Robert T. Kelley to allow the communities to relay armed services television from five military installations in Alaska.

The pentagon has already agreed to allow this service from King Salmon military base which will permit viewing over much of 31,000 square mile area in the Bristol Bay region. Eighteen communities around Naknek and Dillingham would benefit.

The three new areas are (1)

the Kuskokwim river valley, (2) St. Lawrence Island and (3) the Tanana river area. Forty-five communities would benefit in these areas.

The use of television relay stations would permit the television programs to be sent from village to village.

Senator Gravel's "T.V. Now" program can, he said, "be easily and routinely integrated into the satellite television program."

This program, originally sponsored by Senator Gravel, will use communications satellites to beam television to every corner of Alaska.

Studies show that satellite transmission is the only feasible way to bring modern communications to the entire state.