BIA Nome Agency Places 2,300 Students in School

Approximately 2300 students began another year of schooling in 25 Bureau of Indian Affairs schools in the Nome Agency on August 26. 102 members of the teaching staff and 30 aides have been employed according to Henry Balliet, Education Program Administrator for the Nome District, reported today.

Balliet is assisted in carrying out the education program by Horace S. Schnare, Education Specialist and two clerks, Betty J. Hoogendorn and John Pullock, at the Nome Education Office, 2 Principals, 23 Principal Teachers, and 4 Teacher (Supervisors) at the day schools.

Enrollment is expected to reach 2500 before the end of September.

A school was opened at Northeast Cape this year with 20 students enrolled. Mr. Paul Sterling, who spent the past two years at the Diomede Day School, transferred to the new school at Northeast Cape.

Maurice McCullen, formerly from Buckland has replaced Mr.

Sterling at Diomede. Mr. William Mudd, former teacher at Diomede and Birch Creek, has been employed as Principal Teacher at Buckland.

Other transfers include Mr. & Mrs. Lester Richesin from Selawik to Kotzebue, Mr. & Mrs. William Jack from Pt. Hope to Shungnak, and Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Hargraves from Kivalina to Gambell.

Teachers new to the agency this year are Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ellison, Gambell; Mr. Steve Wibberley, Savoonga; Mr. & Mrs. David Clair, Kivalina; Mr. & Mrs. John Egeland, St. Michael; Mr. & Mrs. Steve Yates, Kiana; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wilson and Mr. & Mrs. Jon Merritt, Mrs. Helen Virgin, and Mrs. Freda Coalson, Kotzebue: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Martin and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gilmore, Selawik; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Harnett, Noatak; Mr. & Mrs. Evan Winters, Shishmaref; and Mr. Larry Villers, Golovin.

Mrs. Emily Ivanoff Brown, long time BIA teacher has returned to the Kotzebue staff