

Claims Benefits Do Not Interfere with SSA, AFDC

Frank C. Carlucci, undersecretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, announced recently in Seattle that tax exempt payments to Alaska Natives under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will not be considered as income or resources in determining eligibility for assistance under the Social Security Act.

The decision will affect payments to thousands of Native Alaskans, both in the State of Alaska and in the Lower 48, especially those living in the North-

west.

The State of Alaska has been disregarding the claims payments with HEW regional concurrence but many Natives outside the state had been declared ineligible to receive supplemental security income and Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits shortly after receiving their claims payments.

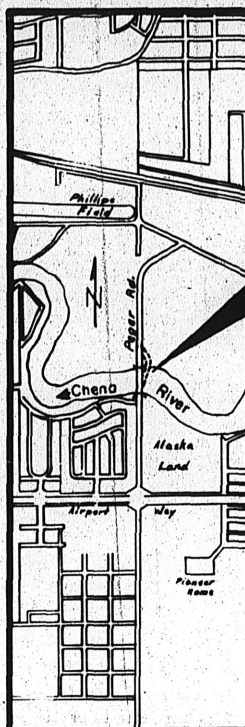
These payments are made annually to the Natives by 12 regional corporations established by the settlement act.

The HEW ruling carries out the intent of Congress in the settlement act and will be implemented by both the Social Security Administration of HEW for SSI and the various state and local public assistance offices for AFDC.

The undersecretary further stated that all AFDC and SSI payments previously withheld from Alaskan Natives will be paid retroactively.



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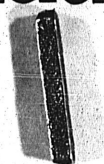
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