

Surgeon General Stewart, Dr. Rabeau Visiting Alaska

The Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. William H. Stewart, with a group of other top PHS officials and members of their staffs, will be in Alaska the week of July 23.

They will participate in several meetings and special

events related to public health, including sessions with the Indian Health Advisory Committee of the American Hospital Association and the Committee on Federal Medical Services of the American Medical Association.

Three Assistant Surgeons General are among those planning the visit, including one member of the USPHS Commissioned Corps who served in Alaska for twelve years beginning in 1946.

He is Dr. Erwin Stuart Rabeau, now Director, Division of Indian Health, Bureau of Medical Services.

While in Alaska, Dr. Rabeau was Medical Officer in Charge at the PHS Alaska Native Hospitals in Tanana, Barrow, and Kotzebue during 1946-1957.

He then became clinical director of Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage and completed his tour here

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SURGEON GENERAL—William H. Stewart, M.D., Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH—Erwin Stuart Rabeau, M.D., Director of Division of Indian Health, Bureau of Medical Services, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

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as Deputy Area MOC.

Another assistant is Dr. Richard Prindle, Director, Bureau of Disease Prevention and Environmental Control in Washington. His special interest in Alaska is the Arctic Health Research Laboratory, an agency within his bureau.

Dr. R. Leslie Smith, also an Assistant Surgeon General, is Health Director of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Region IX. He will come from his San Francisco headquarters along with Charles Shreve, Regional Director of Region IX.

Dr. Stewart was named Surgeon General of the PHS by President Johnson in 1965. He is the tenth Surgeon General in the 169-year history of the Service.

The 46-year-old Dr. Stewart administers more than a hundred programs of the PHS involving personnel numbering more than 38,000.

During this, his first visit to Alaska, Dr. Stewart will review in depth the total DIH Alaska Native Health Area Office program.

He will also inspect facilities and observe

operations at the field hospitals in Kotzebue and Bethel as well as those of the Medical Center in Anchorage.

The Surgeon General will also speak at the dedication of the new Arctic Health Research Laboratory at the University of Alaska. This is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26 with Governor Walter Hickel and the state's Congressional Delegation also participating in the ceremony.

Another significant appearance of the Surgeon General will be at the opening session of the International Symposium on Circumpolar Health Related Problems.

This will take place Sunday, July 23, at the University of Alaska which is co-sponsoring the event with the Arctic Institute of North America.

In Anchorage he will address a gathering of the Alaska State Hospital Association following a luncheon at Providence Hospital July 27.

He will speak again that evening at a dinner meeting at the Captain Cook Hotel to be attended by PHS employees and specially invited state and local officials.