

Alaska Churches Urge Equality

In executive committee meetings in Juneau last week, the Alaska Council of Churches urged President Lyndon B. Johnson to lay before Congress "steps that will help alleviate the existing inequalities in the fields of housing, employment and equal enforcement of justice."

The statement also commended the President for his notable accomplishments in the field of racial equality and social legislation, and gave strong support for the recommendations of the Commission on Civil Disorder regarding welfare and education, as well as a peaceful settlement of the Vietnam conflict.

In further action, the executive committee telegraphed authors of HR-15281, Congressman Harley O. Staggers of West Virginia, and S-2989 by Senator Lister Hill of Alabama, endorsing their bills which provide for federal grants to public or nonprofit organizations for the operations of facilities for treatment of homeless alcoholics, treatment centers

and rehabilitation.

The two bills have similar provisions for narcotic addicts. The telegram concluded that, "Alcoholism has been labeled as Alaska's greatest unmet health problem."