

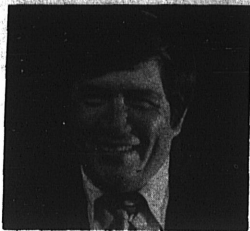
Alaskan named to census bureau post

The Seattle Regional office of the U.S. Census Bureau announced the appointment of Frank A. Peratrovich as a Community Services Specialist. The announcement was made by John Thurlldson, Regional Director of the Seattle office of the U.S. Census Bureau.

According to Mr. Thurlldson, Mr. Frank A. Peratrovich will work primarily with community organizations as part of an overall effort to enlist their support and cooperation in getting area residents to cooperate with the Bureau in the 1980

population census.

The Bureau plans to appoint four other Community Service Specialists around the state who



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would work under the direction of Mr. Peratrovich. The Bureau is in the process of selecting a Community Service Specialist that would serve the Interior and North Slope. They are currently recruiting for three other C.S.S.'s. One would be stationed in the Bethel area; one would be stationed in Juneau and the other person would be stationed in the Nome area.

In announcing the appointment, the Regional Director said that it is vital to minorities that they be accurately counted in 1980 because billions of dollars in Federal funds relating to minority needs are allocated on the basis of census data.

Peratrovich noted that when "people in a given community are not counted, the community gets shortchanged." He also pointed out that apportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as representation on the state and local level are based on popula-

tion counts.

If communities with concentrations of minorities don't achieve a full count, they are not adequately represented in the Congress, state legislatures or local legislative bodies, according to Peratrovich.

The new specialist says he is ready to work with community organizations and will be available to talk with community leaders, individuals or any group on the importance of the census. Mr. Frank A. Peratrovich can be reached at (907) 277-5831/ P.O. Box 120, Anchorage, Alaska 99510.