

'Operation Headstart' Teachers Hear Many Authorities Speak

Dr. Dell C. Kjer, president of the 100,000 member Association of Childhood Education International, was keynote speaker last week at the University of Alaska for "Operation Head Start."

He addressed 122 teachers yesterday who are undergoing an intensive six-day orientation program before being assigned to communities throughout the state to operate Child Development Centers for nursery-school-age children from economically disadvantaged families.

The summer centers are planned to give these children an even start when they enroll in regular classes for the first time in the fall.

Operation Head Start is sponsored by the federal government as part of the Economic Opportunity Act.

Speaking at the general sessions with Dr. Kjer are Dr. Arthur Bietz, professor and director of the School

of Medicine, Loma Linda University, Calif.; Dr. Wendell Oswalt, associate professor of anthropology, U.C.L.A.; Dr. Allan Parker, clinical psychologist from Anchorage; Dr. Helen Whaley, pediatrician from Anchorage; Ethel Mae Griggs, nutritionist for the State Department of Health; Mary Louise Stealey, social worker consultant for the State Department of Mental Health; Sarkis Atamian, assistant professor of sociology, University of Alaska, and Darl S. Gleed, executive secretary of the Boy Scouts of America, Fairbanks.

The program is coordinated by Dr. Gerald Hanna, assistant professor of education, University of Alaska.
