

PHS Barrow Hospital To Be Dedicated

Senator E.L. Bartlett will present the dedicatory address on April 12, 1966, when the new U.S. Public Health Service Alaska Native Hospital at Barrow, Alaska, is dedicated.

According to Dr. Holman R. Wheritt, Alaska Native Health Area Director, others who will attend the cere-

monies include: U.S. Representative Ralph J. Rivers, Governor William A. Egan, State Senator Eben Hopson, State Representative Jacob A. Stalker, Dr. E.S. Rabeau, Assistant Surgeon General, and Chief, Division of Indian Health, U.S. Public Health Service, and Dr. R. Leslie Smith, Regional Health Director, U.S. Public Health Service, San Francisco, California.

The Barrow Hospital provides medical services for many towns and villages in an area of 65,125 square miles. During the past year, there have been 529 patient admissions; an average daily patient load of 8.6; 9,805 outpatient visits; and 96 infants born in the hospital.

In addition to 24 hour emergency service, the hospital conducts weekly chest, prenatal, well baby, and postpartum clinics. Regular general medical and surgical clinics are conducted four times a week.

Radio schedules are maintained five days a week during which the physician renders diagnostic and treatment services for patients at remote locations. Considerable of the physician's time is spent conducting clinics at remote locations.

The new modern hospital is operated by a staff of 36 employees. It includes an outpatient department, maternity area, kitchen for patient and staff dining, general medical care area, offices, dental operatory, library and staff room, laundry facilities, X-ray area, laboratory, pharmacy, and food storage area.