

# Sectarian Scholarship Program Law Not Yet Implented in State

Alaska Methodist University faculty member called Sen. Ernest Gruening this week complaining that S 876 law was not being implemented as yet in the sectarian schools.

The S 876 is the law passed on March 30 of this year that authorizes the Bureau of Indian Affairs to give scholarships to students in sectarian institutions such as the Alaska Methodist

University in Anchorage and Sheldon Jackson Junior College in Sitka.

Sen. Gruening was the author of the bill.

Sen. Gruening called Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert Bennett in Washington Wednesday and Bennett said the scholarship funds were available. Gruening also urged Bennett to publicize the availability of the

scholarship funds.

Prior to passing of the S 876, BIA gave scholarships to Indians and Alaska native students only to non-sectarian institutions such as the University of Alaska.

The person at AMU said that that institution has had 21 applicants but the university was unable to accept them because the new scholarship fund pro-

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blem has not yet been implemented.

George Sundborg, administrative assistant to Sen. Gruening, said that there were only six weeks to go before school starts and that it was imperative that applications be made soon.

In applying, the prospective students should first pick out the school or university to which they wished to go. They should have a certificate of eligibility. This would be that if the student wished to go to Alaska Methodist University, that institution would qualify him by his level in school.

Then the student sends his application to the Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Juneau.

The Area Directors office will process the application and if the student is found to be in dire need for scholarship, he will be furnished with scholarship money.

The prospective student's transportation will also be paid from his village or town to the school of his choice. If the student or his parents paid for his transportation costs, he or his parents will be reimbursed.

"The applications for scholarships, and all the information about them, are supposed to be available from all BIA offices in Alaska," said George Sundborg.