

Teacher Orientation At Mt. Edgecumbe

Orientation for new Bureau of Indian Affairs day school teachers will be held August 12-16 at Mt. Edgecumbe.

According to Warren I. Tiffany, the BIA's Education Chief, approximately 40 new teachers will be arriving for the week-long workshop session, along with 15 audio-visual aides.

The conference will cover such topics as linguistics, teaching English as a second language (TESL), the cultural background of the Alaska Native learner, and art instruction.

The BIA presently operates 73 day schools in the state, most of them in the remote villages of the Arctic.

This year's orientation workshop is directed by Miss Eunice Logan of the BIA's Juneau Area Office.

Featured speakers will include: Don Webster of Wycliffe Translators speaking on linguistics; Evelyn Bauer, a TESL specialist; Dr. Arnold Griesse of the University of Alaska speaking on teaching literature to elementary children; and David Young, an art specialist from the BIA's Washington education office.

Ten Alaska Native advisory school board members from across the state will also attend as resource personnel. These individuals are active in the affairs of their village day schools, and their opinions and advice are important to the

entire BIA education program in Alaska.

The fifteen audio-visual aides are high school graduates, currently attending a ten-week's training session at Portland Community College.

They will be working in the several BIA instructional materials centers in interior Alaska. Besides receiving orientation to their own work, they will assist in the preparation of visual materials for the Mt. Edgecumbe orientation workshop.