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LEGISLATION CONFERENCE ON BUSH BILLS

Training Session on Dealing with Hard of Hearing

A three day training session on how to deal with the hard of hearing pre-school children was recently conducted in Anchorage for five RurAL CAP Head Start Teacher Directors.

Participating in the session

Anderson Picked

Nels A. Anderson, Jr., was recently appointed as the Deputy Director of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program by the agency's Executive Committee at their March 10th meeting.

Regionals May Have VISTAS

During the March 10th meeting of the RurAL CAP Executive Committee, a proposal to station nine VISTA Volunteers in each of the agency's regional development corporations in Bethel, Ft. Yukon, Nome, Kotzebue, Juneau, Galena, Dillingham, Kodiak and Copper Center.

The immediate goals of the volunteer effort include: assisting regional corporations in the utilization of the RurAL CAP planning process; providing technical assistance to the regional corporation staff in program development and planning; begin the development of a regional comprehensive plan based on the expressed needs and priorities of the villagers served by the regional corporation.

Defined as the long term goals of the volunteer effort are: developing the planning capabilities of the regional development corporations; to have achieved, as a result of the volunteer effort, recognition of the corporations as quasi-governmental bodies by federal, private and state agencies; aiding in the establishment of the regional corporations as delegate agencies to RurAL CAP; to enable the corporations to develop project proposals in order to obtain funding from other sources besides the Office of Economic Opportunity; achieving regional autonomy by developing management capabilities of the corporate staff; and providing input into any and all plans which affect the regions.

were: Mary Moses-Chevak, Senka Angellon-Kwethluk, Millie White-Hoonah, Margaret Ahngasuk-Barrow, and Laura Norton-Selawik.

These five areas were selected on the basis of having a significant number of children suffering from loss of hearing.

The training session was conducted by Dr. Helen D. Beirne, Project Director for the Alaska Treatment Center for Crippled Children and Adults.

Follow-up training is planned

through the use of video tape units which will be loaned to RurAL CAP by Dr. Beirne's office.

Through the use of video tape, RurAL CAP Head Start will be able to present curriculum ideas called "idea sheets" to the Head Start staff.

The idea sheets cover most components of Head Start but stress particularly on curriculum, language development and sensory perception, including auditory and visual discrimination.

Youth Leadership Program—

Edgecumbe Forms 'Mini-AFN'

Mini-skirts, mini-bikes, mini-buses, and now a mini-AFN. The Native youth at Mount Edgecumbe High School are going "mod." Mod in a sense that they are organizing, trying on the new fashions of our emerging Native leadership. The Mt. Edgecumbe students have organized a Mini-Alaska Federation of Natives.

The mini-AFN is a Youth Leadership Development Program funded by RurAL CAP which is designed to make Native students more aware of their regional Native associations, the Alaska Federation of Natives, the land claims, the decision-making process, planning and program development, and to understand leadership.

The students received \$6,700 for the funding of the project in 1971.

Their basic strategy during the organizational phase was: 1) To list the students under their respective Native association; 2) The students listed under the Arctic Slope Native Association and Alaska Native Brotherhood, for instance, would then meet and elect their board member to the mini-AFN;

3) The newly elected Board of Directors would then meet to draw up their Articles of Incorporation, by-laws, and elect office; 4) The Board of Directors would then elect their director and staff; 5) and finally, the director can begin implementing the policies set by the Board of

Directors.

The basic strategy has been implemented.

The Mt. Edgecumbe students elected the following board members from their respective regions: Eugene Asicksik, Arctic Native Brotherhood; Dean George, Alaska Native Brotherhood; Emma Morena, Northwest Alaska Native Association; Louie Lee, Alaska Village Council Presidents; Ben Frantz, Arctic Slope Native Association; Floyd Kookesh, Tlingit & Haida Indians; Esther Ilutsik, Bristol Bay Area Association;

Max Angellan, Kuskokwim Native Association; Betty Huntington, Tanana Chiefs; Carolyn Selanoff, Chugach Native Association; Jimmy Chickalusion, Kinatzi Indian Association; Chris Malavansky, Aleut League;

Zack Boskofsky, Alaska Peninsula Native Association; Sylvia Sam, Copper River Indian Association; Fred Vaska, Upper Kuskokwim; Ramona Shodda, Kodiak Area Native Association.

The Board of Directors elected Eugene Asicksik, President; Dean George, Vice-President; and Emma Morena, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Board of Directors advertised for a director for two weeks amongst their student body. After reviewing several applicants, they chose Anthony Philemonof from the Pribilof Islands.

Anthony will now begin to implement policies set by the

Conference Discusses Measures Now Pending

A Rural Legislation Conference was held March 19th in Anchorage. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss bills presently pending in the legislature affecting rural Alaska.

The bills were discussed in terms of what their effect would be on rural Alaska and how they might possibly be changed to better reflect the needs of rural Alaskans.

Major issues discussed were regional governments in the unorganized borough, legislation for the development of cooperatives, legislation affecting commercial guides, legislation affecting housing in rural areas and legislation affecting hunting and fishing rights.

Attending the conference was Representative Ed Naughton, Chairman of the Rural Caucus. Representative Naughton's trip was financed by the rural legislators. Also in attendance were RurAL CAP's nine regional directors.

Guest speakers included: John Shively, Director of RurAL CAP, Joe Smith, Director of the Community Enterprise Development Corporation, Loyd Hodson, Manager of Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Harry Carter, Director of the Alaska Federation of Natives, and Phil Byrne, Director of Alaska Legal Services.

As a result of this meeting, Richard Pope, who was hired as a legislative liaison person for RurAL CAP, will be appraised of the kinds of legislation needed to be passed during this session.

During the latter part of this year's legislative session, the State Office of Economic Opportunity will finance the travel to bring rural Alaskans to Juneau to testify on various bills affecting their areas.

March 10 Meeting Calls For Training

A proposal entitled Regional Training and Technical Assistance was approved by the RurAL CAP Executive Committee during their March 10th meeting in Anchorage.

The plan calls for training 25 to 30 regional staff members and approximately 100 regional boards of directors, in such areas as planning, staff management and what the boards' responsibilities are as a quasi-governmental body.

Hollingsworth Said Eskimo Scouts Important Part of Army

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NOME, March 5—Maj. Gen. James F. Hollingsworth, commanding general of the U.S. Army, Alaska, said here today that the two Eskimo Scout Battalions are the most important part of the Army in Alaska.

General Hollingsworth arrived in Nome with his staff yesterday after having watched a parachute jump by troops of the Alaska Rangers 120 miles due north of Barrow. In the party also was Stan Patty, Alaska columnist for the Seattle Times.

The General said the Eskimo Scouts are the eyes and ears of the Army in the North Country. They are on duty 24 hours a day, ever watchful for trouble.

General Hollingsworth also said he has ordered \$1.5 million

worth of new electronic equipment to better communications for the Scouts.

F4 Phantom fighter planes are going to take the place of the Nike-Hercules missiles north of the Alaska Range, he said. This will be a more flexible defense

system and one with more punch, the general said.

Such planes are now stationed at Galena AFB on the Yukon River, at Eielson AFB near Fairbanks, Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, and at King Salmon AFB.

Three missile sites are to be

shut down.

The general and his staff were visiting Eskimo Scouts at Gambell and Savoonga today and return to overnight in Nome and return to Fort Richardson, their headquarters, tomorrow.

One of the new things the

Army is doing when it goes to the villages to visit the Scouts is to have a physician and dentist go along, together with an eye specialist so that ills of the men can be treated on the spot. The general said, "If there is time, we also look after the civilians."

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