

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

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

Regionals May

Have VISTAS

and Copper Center.

utilization of the RurAL CAP planning process; providing tech-nical assistance to the regional corporation staff in program de-velopment 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

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veloping the planning capabilities of the regional development cor-

porations; to have achieved, as a result of the volunteer effort, recognition of the corporations

as quasi-governmental bodies by federal, private and state agen-cies; aiding in the establishment

of the regional corporations as delegate agencies to RurAL CAP;

to enable the corporations to

develop project proposals in or-, der to obtain funding from other

sources besides the Office of

Economic Opportunity; achiving regional autonomy by develop-

ing management capabilities of the corporate staff; and providing input into any and all plans which affect the regions. were: Mary Moses-Chevak, Sen-ka Angellon-Kwethluk, Millie White-Hoonah, Margaret Ahnga-suk-Barrow, and Laura Norton-Selawik.

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

The training session was con-ducted by Dr. Helen D. Beirne, Project Director for the Alaska Treatment Center for Crippled Children and Adults. Follow-up training is planned

Youth Leadership Program-

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

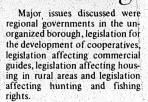
Through the use of video of, RurAL CAP Head Start tape. will be able to present curriculum ideas called "idea sheets" to the Head Start staff. The idea sheets cover most

components of Head Start but stress particularly on curriculum, language development and sen-sory perception, including audi-tory and visual discrimination.

Conference Discusses Measures Now Pending

A Rural Legislation Confer-e was held March 19th in Anchorage. Purpose of the meet-ing was to discuss bills presently pending in the legislature affect-

pending in the legislature affect-ing 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.



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

Guest speakers included: John Shively, Director of RurAL CAP, Shively, Director of RurAL CAP, Joe Smith, Director of the Com-munity Enterprise Development Corporation, Loyd Hodson, Man-ager of Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Harry Carter, Di-rector of the Alaska Federation of Natives, and Phil Byrne, Di-rector 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

During the latter part of this ear'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 Assist-ance 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.

Edgecumbe Forms 'Mini-AFN'

During the March 10th meet-ing of the RurAL CAP Executive Mini-skirts, mini-bikes. mini-Committee, a proposal to station nine VISTA Volunteers in each buses, and now a mini-AFN. The Native youth at Mount Edge of the agency's regional develop-ment corporations in Bethel, Ft. Yukon, Nome, Kotzebue, Ju-neau, Galena, Dillingham, Kodiak cumbe 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-The immediate goals of the volunteer effort include: assist-Alaska Federation of Natives. ing regional corporations in the utilization of the RurAL CAP

Alaska rederation of Natives. The mini-AFN is a Youth Leadership Development Pro-gram 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 associa-tion; 2) The students listed under the Arctic Slope Native As-sociation and Alaska Native Brotherhood, for instance, would then meet and elect their board member to the mini-AFN;

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 re-gions; Eugene Asicksik, Arctic Native Brotherhood; Dean George, Alaska Native Brother-hood; Emma Morena, Northwest hood; Emma Morena, Norunvesa Alaska Native Association; Louie Lee, Alaska Village Council Pres-idents; Ben Frantz, Arctic Slope Native Association; Floyd Kookesh, Tlingit & Haida Indians; Esther Ilutsik, Bristol Bay Area Association;

Association; Max Angellan, Kuskokwim Native Association; Betty Hunt-ington, Tanana Chiefs; Carolyn Selanoff, Chugach Native As-sociation; Jimmy Chickalusion, Kinatzi Indian Association; Chris Malavansky, Aleut League; Zack Boskofsky, Alaska Pen-

Sain, Copper River Indian As-sociation; Fred Vaska, Upper Kuskokwim; Ramona Shodda, Kodiak Area Native Association, The Board of Directors elected

Eugene Asicksik, President; Dean George, Vice-President; and Em-ma 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

viting guest AFN speakers on Land Claims to Mt. Edgecumbe, writing youth programs, seeking Land Claims information, and advocating for the needs of the Mt. Edgecumbe students.

Mt. Edgecumbe students. The director, following the termination of the school year, will be working in the RurAL CAP central office, receiving on-the-job training in community organization, planning, and pro-gram development. Following the summer training, he will re-turn to Mt. Edgecumbe to begin implementing the youth pro-

cumbe come from all regions in the State of Alaska. The mini-AFN will help train and bring out the leadership potential in these young people. After all, they are the ones who will be our future leaders. The future leaders who will be running our regional Native associations, regional development corporations, and the Alaska Federation of Natives."

The students of Mt. Edgecumbe are very enthusiastic about this new organization. Hopefully, this new "fashion" will enable the students to stay "mod" and help emerge our "mod" and help emerge our future Native leadership.

Hollingsworth Said Eskimo Scouts Important Part of Army

(REPRINTED FROM THE NOME NUGGET.)

NOME, March 5-Maj. Gen. James F. Hollingsworth, com-manding general of the U.S. Army, Alaska, said here today Army, Alaska, said here today that the two Eskimo Scout Bat-

that the two Eskino Scott Bat-talions 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 Decrem. In the next scott we Barrow. In the party also was Stan Patty, Alaska columnist for the Seattle Times.

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.

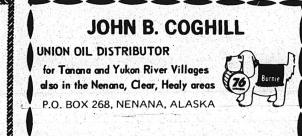
Such planes are now stationed at Galena AFB on the Yukon River, at Eielson AFB near Fair-banks, Elmendorf AFN, Anchorage, and at King Salmon AFB. Three missile sites are to be

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

adquarters, 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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Board of Directors, such as in-

Gordon Jackson, Executive Director for SEA CAP, who thought up the idea and helped organize the mini-AFN, states, "The Native youth in Mt. Edge-