

Don Wright Obtains Commitment for Sani-Service Centers

Donald R. Wright, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, has received a commitment from the Commission on American Indian Opportunity to build sanitary service centers for villages in northern Alaska.

Chairman of the commission is Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. The commission was established by President Johnson a few months ago to aid American Indians in programs such as sanitary service centers.

The building would be designed to house a community water well, laundry equipment, toilets and it would be equipped with a portable electric unit until village electrical plants are permanently installed by Alaska Village Electric Corporation program.

"Such a program would be a valuable improvement to each village, cut down on the health hazards, prepare the people for self help improvement and protect visiting tourists, prospectors, businessmen, scientists, politicians, and other citizens from enduring the same hardships of Alaskan travel which the rural natives have endured for hundreds of years," said

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Don Wright.

The program of building sanitary service centers will start next year.

"The executive director of the President's commission, Robert Carmack, was very concerned about the suggested program," Wright said.

Wright obtained the commitment from the commission after a series of meetings involving a special assistant to the Vice President, Neal Peterson, Robert Carmack, and John Cosgrove, director of the Office of Regional Development Planning.

Don Wright was instructed to return to Alaska and prepare a recommendation with the aid of the Alaska Federation of Natives, complete with cost estimates.

The Commission on American Indian Opportunity is composed of the heads of the executive branches of the government, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, Bertram Harding, and six Indian leaders pick from throughout the country. One of these is Rep. Willie Hensley of Kotzebue.

A special fund has been set aside for the projects that amounts to \$3 million.