

Library Advisory Group Has First Meeting in Anchorage

The Advisory Council on Inter-Library Cooperation held its first meeting in Anchorage last Saturday. Eight people attended the initial meeting.

The meeting was the culmination of a contract entered into by the State Library and the Public Administration Service to develop a statewide library plan.

"We are just beginning the study now. That was the purpose of the meeting," said Donald E. Nemetz, western representative of the Public Administration Service, San Francisco.

Nemetz said that his firm had worked and served as consultant to the Constitutional Convention during 1957-58.

"What we're looking for are ways of improving the library services for all of the people of the state. The emphasis is going

to be on cooperation," Nemetz said.

He said this cooperation would be established between school libraries, public libraries, universities, colleges and special libraries.

"Principal problem is finding ways of better serving the people in remote areas," Nemetz stated.

Mrs. Phyllis Dalton, Assistant State Librarian in California, has been named as a member of the library survey team. She is slated to go to Nome and Barrow this weekend.

She is the professional librarian member of the team. She works on developing library services.

"We're looking into what exists now," Nemetz said, "and what it is going to be and what

it will cost and how the cost will be shared; the sharing of costs between the local jurisdictions, state assistance and federal aid."

The advisory council meeting in Anchorage elected Peter Page as chairman of the Advisory Council on Inter-Library Cooperation. Page is a district judge in Sitka.

The next meeting of the advisory committee will be during the first half of the month of December and the probable location will be Anchorage.

"To this will be invited native leaders, various government officials, librarians and interested citizens," Nemetz said. "At that time, we are going to give our preliminary recommendations and these will be discussed."