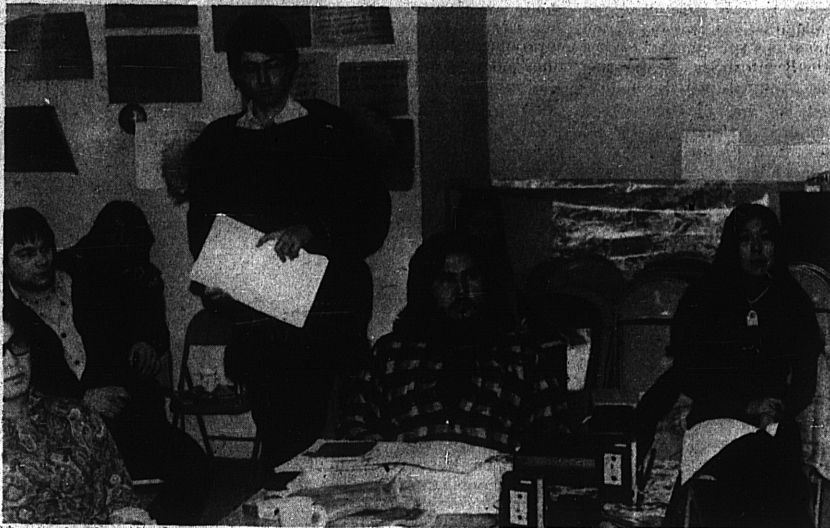


Alaska Legal Services holds paralegal training



Paralegal trainees in class session in Barrow include, from left to right, David Pausanna, Nuiqsut, Ron Zimin, South Naknek; Allen Paneak, Anaktuvuk; Mike Jeffrey, attorney/instructor, Norman Anderson, Naknek and Olla Pauk of Togiak.

May be the first of several sessions for rural legal aides to train for village work

During the week of January 23, 1978, an intensive four-day training program was held in Barrow for 12 new paralegal aides, most of whom are Native residents of North Slope villages. The training program represents the start of a bold new program within Alaska Legal Services. That program involves employing Native residents of villages who work with the attorneys of ALSC stationed in the bush.

The following persons participated in the training: Josephine Aufenkamp, Barrow; Homer Bodfish, Wainwright; Alfred Linn, Jr., Kaktovik; Allen Paneak, Anaktuvuk Pass; David Pausanna, Nuiqsut; Nora Shugluk, Atkasuk; Willie Tukrook, Point Lay; Eddie Lee, Shungnak; Norman Anderson, Naknek, Olla Pauk, Togiak; Ron Zimin, South Naknek; and Bill Simeone, Tok. Since the conference, Hazel Oktollik of Point Hope has been hired by ALSC. She is reviewing the tape recordings of the sessions.

The idea of having paralegal aides in the bush was the brainchild of the ALSC attorney in Barrow, Mike Jeffery. The idea is to have village persons work in the same manner as health aides in the bush. The paralegal aides are in contact with Mike Jeffery in Barrow; and from Tok, Bill Simeone is in contact with the ALSC office in Fairbanks; from Shungnak, Eddie Lee is in touch with the ALSC office in Kotzebue; and the paralegals in the Naknek and Togiak areas are in touch with the ALSC office in Dillingham.

Mike Jeffery as well as attorney Matt Jamin from the ALSC office in Kodiak and attorney Jack Coyne from the ALSC office in Anchorage, covered such topics as administrative law, government benefit programs, wills, probate, social security problems, divorces, the Alaska Court system, and many other topics dealing with the legal issues facing rural Alaskans.

It is hoped that during this year, there will be follow-up conferences for all the paralegal aides stationed in the bush.

Finally, for all those village residents who have paralegal aides living in their respective village: if you have a problem and need help, you should contact your ALSC paralegal aides.