

# ***BIA Appoints Housing Officer***

Joseph L. Chase was recently appointed Area Housing Officer by Bureau of Indian Affairs Director Clarence Antioquia. In making the appointment Antioquia stated, "The Bureau is dedicated to improving Native housing and charged with the responsibility of building 500 new units within the next 18 months. Mr. Chase is the man we need to coordinate this state-wide program as he has the experience and knowledge needed for the position. He has lived in Alaska and worked with Native people for nearly

24 years."

Chase's experience includes ten years as manager of the BIA reindeer project on Nunivak Island; plant management supervisor, first in Bettel, then in the Nome agency from 1959 to 1966; and supervisor of plant facilities for two years at Mt. Edgecumbe. For the past five years he has been in charge of plant management programming in the Juneau Area Office.

As Area Housing Officer, Mr. Chase will work closely with the Native Housing Authority organized in each village participating in the housing program.

"The housing authority examines and evaluates various house plans; then chooses those best suited to meet family needs and village environment," explains Chase, "my job will be to see that the right amount of equipment and supplies are delivered on schedule so village construction work can begin."

He assumes the position formerly held by Jacques M. Norvell who resigned to travel around the world with his family in a 36 foot sailboat. Mr. Chase resides with his wife, Marie, in Juneau, Alaska.