

***Alaska to Have 60—***

# **VISTA to Stay**

RurAL CAP has recently been informed of the decision of the ACTION Agency to reverse its earlier stand regarding the number of new VISTA volunteers to serve in Alaska during FY 1976. Under a previous formula, Alaska would have lost approximately two-thirds of the present volunteer force.

Under the new exception, Alaska will be allotted a total of 60 new volunteers with the following assignments: RurAL CAP (17), the Tlingit-Haida Central Council (10), the State Human Rights Commission (13), Alaska Legal Services (16), U of A Cooperative Extension Service (2), and Anchorage ACTION City (3). RurAL CAP will assign its 17 Volunteers to the following organizations:

- North Pacific Rim Native Corp. — 3
- Copper River Native Assoc. — 2
- Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program — 1
- Mauneluk — 1
- Upper Tanana Development Corp. — 1
- Gwitcha Gwitchin Ginhkye — 1
- Koyukon Development Corp. — 1
- Kodiak Area Community Development Corp. — 1
- Yupiktak Bista — 2
- Alaska State Museum — 1

PHS Studio — 1

"This is an excellent example of advocacy in action," stated Jackie Dailey, Deputy Director and VISTA supervisor for RurAL CAP.

"We have already written letters of appreciation to the regions, the Congressional Delegation, and the many others who so convincingly argued that the total volunteer force in Alaska should not be reduced."

Nationally, ACTION sets the number of volunteers assigned to any particular state based on a formula of the number of low income people in the state, the number of low income people over 60 years of age, and the total population.

Alaska's low population would have counted against the state under the new formula. By exempting Alaska from this formula, however, ACTION recognized the unique situation that exists in Alaska.