

League of Women

Panel on Welfare

The League of Women Voters will present a panel discussion on welfare and its alternatives on Thursday, November 12 at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Bear Gallery of the Alaskaland Civic Center.

The meeting will be open to the public. Panelists will include representatives from the regional Welfare Office, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Fairbanks Native Welcome Center, the University of Alaska Sociology Department, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Central Labor Council.

In 1969, at least 25.4 million Americans, or 13 per cent of our total population, were classified as poor. 25 per cent of all aged persons and 15 per cent of all children under 18 were poor. 34 per cent non-white Americans and 10 per cent of white Americans were poor.

Of the 25.4 million poor people, about 10 million (or 40 per cent) received public assistance.

There is a general dissatisfaction with welfare as it exists today among recipients, administrators and the public. It is conceded by all that a new and imaginative approach is now needed.