



NEW BARROW HOSPITAL—This is the architect's conception of the 12-bed hospital, staff quarters and warehouse at Barrow that was formally dedicated last Tuesday. It was completed last December. The new Public

Health Service hospital will service an area 65,000 square miles. The dedication was held at the National Guard Armory where an overflow crowd attended. Sen. E.L. Bartlett was the main speaker.

New Hospital Dedicated At Barrow

Dignitaries converged on the Top o' the World city of Barrow for the dedication of the new Public Health Service Native Hospital. The 12-bed modern structure was completed last December.

Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett delivered the dedicatory address at the formal opening of the hospital.

"What we do today is to observe the completion of a project—the past—and turn our thoughts to the future good to which the Public Health Service hospital will be put," declared Bartlett.

"Here in Alaska, we must strive to integrate, as fully as they want, our native people into the economic and social life of our state. Only then will the life we are building in the great Northwest be of lasting value," the senator said.

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Bartlett said that there was another reason for dedicating "ourselves" to improving opportunities for the Native people since they make up one-fifth of the state's population.

"It is quite clear that if Alaska is to prosper, that one fifth of its people must be equal partners in its economic and social life," he said.

The senator also pointed out that improvement in native health has been going on since the territorial days but there was room for further improvement especially in infant mortality rates.

"The rate for the entire nation is 25 in 1,000," he said.

"The rate for Alaska natives is 51 in 1,000. I for one will not rest easy until the two rates are the same and are lowered considerably."

The new Barrow hospital is serving an area of over 65,000 square miles. It is providing 24-hour emergency service, outpatient service and clinics.

Other dignitaries who attended the dedication were: U.S. Rep. Ralph J. Rivers, Gov. William A. Egan, State Sen. Eben Hopson, State Rep. Jacob Stalker, Dr. E.S. Ra-beau, chief of the Division of Indian Health, U.S.P.H.S., and Dr. R. Leslie Smith, regional director of the U.S. P.H.S. in San Francisco.