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APC BOARD MEETS AT HISTORIC UNALASKA

Emblem Design Contest

The newly formed Alaska Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is having a state-wide contest for students to design an emblem and come up with a slogan to identify the Commission's stationery and letterhead. The first prize for the contest will be \$100 cash award.

According to Ralph Amouak, President of the Commission, the slogan should be short and to the point and have meaning behind it. The emblem can be any shape or size that will fit stationery as long as typewritten material can be read through the emblem.

The contest will remain open to ALL students ages 8 to 18 until the end of the current school year the first week of June.

Contestants should mail their entries to: Contest, Drawer 412 ECB, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 before June 2.

The Alaska Native Commission was formed to provide for the relief of alcoholism and drug related problems and for the advancement of education relating to these problems.

Its goals are to form local associations within the Native regional areas and the government through which residents and organizations of Alaskan Native communities can develop programs and coordinate activities relating to the prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse.

Among other things, the Commission seeks to combat community deterioration and juvenile delinquency resulting from alcoholism and drug abuse and to make public any research and scientific information relating to the problem areas.

For further information regarding the Alaska Native Commission and the emblem contest, Mr. Amouak can be contacted at 279-2441 in Anchorage.



ALEUTIAN PLANNING COMMISSION — clockwise from top left: Patsy Hesler, Secretary; Dimitri Philemonof, Director; Emil Berikoff, Unalaska; Dennis Gould, Deputy Director - King Cove; Steve Hapoff, St. Paul Island; Stanley Kristensen, False Pass; Boris Merculief, St. George Island; Alvin Osterback, Sand Point; Henry Larsen, King Cove; Paul Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon; and Tommy McGlashan, Akutan.

Meet Discusses Land Claims; St. George Is. Airstrip Improved

The historic City of Unalaska provided the setting for the third meeting of the Aleutian Planning Commission Board of Directors April 12 and 13. The meeting was held in the Conference room donated to the APC by the Unalaska School.

Ten Aleutian villages were represented and guests present included: Gordon Jackson, Deputy Director of the Rural Development Agency; and Mike Swetozof and John Gundersen of the Aleut Corporation.

Staff present included: Dimitri Philemonof, Director of the Aleutian Planning Commission; Dennis Gould, Deputy Director APC; and Phil Smith, Deputy Director of RurAL CAP.

The two-day meeting included presentations on RDA, Land Claims, Limited Entry, Alcoholism and other current issues. Mike Swetozof spoke to the group on the current activities of the Aleut Corporation.

Several resolutions were adopted by the Board requesting aid to alleviate existing problem situations in the Chain.

Philemonof and Gould visited the Pribilof Islands prior to the meeting. Mr. Philemonof stated that the airstrip on St. George Island has been greatly improved since his last visit in November 1972.

"These improvements have all been completed by the people themselves. This, in my estimation," he remarked, "shows the desire of the people to obtain air service and their willingness to work hard to achieve it."

Industrial Development

Natives Can Now Train for This Field

Applications are now being accepted for an intern program to train Indians and Alaska Natives in the field of industrial development to assist industries to locate near reservations or villages.

In turn, these industries will provide employment for people in the villages and on the reservations.

Fifteen persons will be selected in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the American Industrial Development Council by the Economic Development Administration.

In addition, tribal officers will have input and will work with other participating agencies.

High School graduation with several years of college is desirable, but a substitution may be made of experience in community programs with the tribe, community action program and/or Office of Economic Opportunity programs.

It is advisable that the intern be single or married with no children because he will be living

in a major city for the term of the training.

A maximum salary of \$10,000 for a 12-month period is paid, with two weeks vacation. One week is spent attending a basic industrial development institute and a week at the Annual Conference of the American Industrial Development Council.

Interns will be placed with industrial development organizations such as utility firms, and states that have full time industrial development staffs.

The Intern will be a regular staff member of the organization in order that he may receive a broad experience in industrial development.

The program begins approximately June 1, 1973, and a signed Civil Service Form 171 should be sent no later than May 11, 1973 to: Ray E. Tanner, Special Assistant for Indian Affairs, Economic Development Administration - Indian Desk, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Adult Basic Education Teacher

Communities in Alaska may now request training for a local person to become an Adult Basic Education teacher. Once the person has been selected, a letter should be written to the Alaska Skill Center in Seward, asking for the training.

Information given in the April 9 issue of the SEACAP newsletter, WHOOSH-GEF-EEN (Pulling Together), stated that teachers will be trained on the basis of individual needs.

Each trainee will be able to

spend more time on the subjects in which they need help most. Much of the training will be individualized instruction.

Some of the subjects will be: Obtaining funds for ABE, ordering supplies, evaluating student progress, keeping attendance records, recruiting ABE students, training and using teacher aids, motivating adults to learn coordinating community resources, practice teaching, and many other subjects. The course will last from four to six weeks.

Communities desiring their own Adult Basic Education program should have their council or school board write to: Bob Booher, Director, Alaska Skill Center, P.O. Box 615, Seward, Alaska 99664, and an application form will be sent.

Transportation and living expenses will be taken care of while attending the skill center.

Canadian Communications Satellite to Benefit Alaska

CAPE KENNEDY — A Canadian spacecraft, which will be used by two RCA companies

to inaugurate full-time transcontinental domestic communications satellite service for the United States, was launched here April 19 at 6:25 p.m. (EST).

The satellite — Anik II — will be launched by NASA for Telesat Canada, which operates Canada's domestic satellite system. Although Anik II is primarily for Canadian communications, two of its transponders have been leased by RCA Global Communications, Inc. and RCA Alaska Communications, Inc. to carry communications traffic between the U.S. East and West coasts, and between both coasts and Alaska.

RCA plans to use Anik II to initiate the U.S. domestic service in August. This will usher in a new era of communication for the nation, according to Howard R.

Hawkins, executive vice president and chairman of the RCA companies.

"We estimate that the satellite system will permit the cost of coast-to-coast private line voice service to be reduced by more than 20 percent," Hawkins said.

RCA plans to utilize five earth stations to work in conjunction with Anik II, which will be placed in stationary orbit over the equator.

Initially, stations will be located in the New York-Washington corridor, near San Francisco and at Anchorage, Alaska. An earth station already exists at Juneau, Alaska. A fifth station near Los Angeles is planned later.

Mr. Hawkins said ground facilities will require an investment of \$7 million. Rental cost

of the Anik II transponders is \$2.7 million annually.

Hawkins said the system employing Anik II is an important forerunner of a more extensive U.S. domestic communications satellite system which the RCA companies plan to put into operation later.

Mr. Hawkins summarized these benefits and potential advantages of the system using Anik II:

— Communications presently routed between Alaska and the contiguous 48 states via Intelsat IV can be carried at lower cost.

— For the first time, voice, record, and video traffic now carried over terrestrial facilities between the U.S. East and West coasts will have an alternate satellite route.

— The cost of transmitting live TV between Alaska and

the contiguous 48 states will be reduced. This will make it more practical to transmit live programming both to and from Alaska.

— With inexpensive 15-foot diameter antenna earth stations, the system will be used in a test program of demand multiple access techniques for Alaska. That state's remote, sparsely populated "Bush" communities, in particular, now have minimal communications. It is difficult and expensive to provide modern services with conventional facilities. The new system will serve the Bush communities more easily and effectively with the new equipment.

— The commercial TV networks and other organizations can use the system to conduct experiments in distributing programming by satellite.

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MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
and related diseases
affect an estimated
500,000 AMERICANS