

Health Study Made On Pribilof Islands

The more than 650 Aleuts living on the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea can expect to receive better health services as a result of a health study recently made by the Division of Indian Health, Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Direct responsibility for providing comprehensive health care to these Americans was transferred by act of the last Congress to the Public Health Service from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

The survey found the health of the Pribilovians to be good, comparable to that of a small town in the "lower 48" States,

with three principal exceptions hypertension and arteroscler-cardio-vascular diseases; problems in the use of alcohol and related problems including accidents, and nutritional problems resulting in obesity.

Infectious diseases, impetigo for instance, are common but not serious and plans for modern water and waste facilities in each home coupled with a program of health education are expected to lower their incidence.

Dental services for both children and adults, PKU testing for newborn babies, trachoma screening, and Pap tests for women over 30 are included in the health program for the Islands.