

# New Special Assistant to Governor in Nome

Mrs. Myrtle Johnson of Nome has been named Governor Jay Hammond's new Special Assistant in his Nome office.

In making the announcement, the Governor said:

"The criteria for the selection of a special assistant to staff my Nome office are complicated by the variety of issues this regional representative must work with on a daily basis. The people of western Alaska face different kinds of problems and

I want my representative to be a resident of the Seward Peninsula area, to be intimately familiar with the people and the local issues. . . Myrtle as a lifetime resident of the Seward Peninsula, impressed me as having an unusual combination of knowledge coupled with enthusiasm, compassion, and sensitivity. I am pleased she will represent me in Nome and assist people of western Alaska."

Johnson will begin her new

job in September on a half time basis.

The new assistant is a native of Golovin, who works as a reindeer herder for Sigfreid Aukongak, Jr. during the summer months, and has for the past five years served as the manager of the Northwest Skin Sewers Co-Op, a volunteer position.

Johnson currently serves as a member of the Governor's Manpower Planning Council and the Alaska Manpower Service Council.