

Alcoholism Workshop Held Here

A workshop was held in Fairbanks May 1-5 by RurAL CAP in coordination with the University of California Extension at Santa Cruz and the American Indian Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

Ralph Amouak, Alcoholism Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator for RurAL CAP, was the principal coordinator of the workshop which is the second held this year by the agency.

Participating in the workshop were RurAL CAP village counselors; Helena Andree, Dillingham; Richard Carroll, Fort Yukon; Evelyn Myers, Juneau; Stewart Nicolai, Copper Center; Margaret Schultz, Kotzebue; and Ted Velanis, Kodiak.

Participants from other agencies included: Ray Smith, Yakutat; Nik Nebl, Ketchikan; Isabella G. Brady, Sitka; Rob Manring, Fairbanks; Cheryl Nayo, Fairbanks; Mercia Kallock, Fairbanks; Art Shoffly, Ketchikan; Florence Ellers, Juneau; Tom Lavallee, Mt. Edgecumbe, Deanne Ohrzda, Anchorage;

Charles E. Wall, Kotzebue; Peter Kunnuk, Nome; Lowell Farquhar, Juneau; Dorothy Larson and Hilda Sullivan, Anchorage.

Outstanding resource people utilized included: Jerry Hollingsworth, Executive Director, Barrow Council on Alcoholism; Ron Senungetuk, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Lou Poussard, PHS; Dr. Walter Soboleff, University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Annie Bowen, Anchorage Borough Health Department; Bob Moore, University of California Extension at Santa Cruz; Mark Small, Executive Director, American Indian Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Ralph Amouak, RurAL CAP.

Mr. Moore introduced a new training concept which was used during the session, "Teacher vs trainer", specifying that a "teacher" presents information, whereas a "trainer" assesses the needs of the students and supplies it.

Dr. Soboleff explained the relationship of culture to alco-

holism, that people caught halfway between Native and Western culture can identify with both but find they are uncomfortable with the situation.

Mr. Poussard discussed the role of the Public Health Service in dealing with alcoholism and stated that it is the No. 2 priority in disease concept at PHS.

Mr. Small explained effects of alcoholism on Indians in the Lower 48 and what is being done by the American Indian Commission in relation to what can be done for Alaska Native peoples.

It was noted that the counselors gained a great deal as resource people to each other. The counselors agreed to maintain a communication line for utilization of what the others learn and apply to their specific areas.

They also indicated a desire to depend on each other for help and information along with assistance from professional people.