

# **RurAL CAP Central Office Needs Additional Help To Process Allotments**

The RurAL CAP central office reports the immediate need for additional help in processing Native Land Allotments. The work load for the present Anchorage and Fairbanks Bureau of Indian Affairs realty staff cannot be met.

Since July 1, 1970 through March 20, 1971, there have been 2,438 applications received by the Anchorage office. Of those, 361 have been processed and filed at the Bureau of Land Management Office.

At this rate of processing, it will take 45 months to handle the 2,077 applications on hand. The Fairbanks Bureau of Indian Affairs office has received 617 allotment applications from July 1, 1970 through March 30, 1971.

Of these, 500 have been processed and filed at the BLM office. This leaves 117 yet to be reviewed and filed.

It was further reported on

the need for Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel to travel to the villages to insure that all people eligible for Native Land Allotments have an opportunity to file for land under the 1906 law.

Also, the need to insure that an application filed under the Native Land Allotment Act is protected during time of appeals when use and occupancy of land is questioned; and the need for a special clause in the Alaska Native Land Claims bill that will protect the land of the people who have filed under the 1906 Native Allotment Act.

The clause would state that Native Allotment claims received in the BIA office would be processed and the land become the property of the applicant after a Native Land Claim settlement has been reached.

Any person(s) having questions concerning the Native Land Allotment Act should con-

tact the RurAL CAP central office by writing to: Drawer 412 - ECB, Anchorage 99501.