

Program to Wipe Out Trachoma Urged In Wash.

A 3-point program comprised of an all-out drive to wipe out trachoma, a blinding eye disease; a preventive, mental health project for Alaska; and increased appropriation to speed up elimination of the backlog of sorely needed sanitation facilities were urged this week before a Congress-

sional committee, to help half a million American Indians and Alaska Natives extricate themselves "from a vicious circle of poverty and disease."

Dr. Carl Muschenheim,
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Chairman of the National Committee on Indian Health of the Association on American Indian Affairs, made the recommendations in testimony before the Senate Sub-Committee on Appropriations for Interior and Related Agencies, in connection with President Johnson's \$73,448,000 for the Division of Indian Health for fiscal 1967.

In his testimony to the Sub-Committee (Chairman, Senator Carl Hayden, D., Ariz.) Dr. Muschenheim, on behalf of the Association on American Indian Affairs, asked for \$250,000 annually for five years for a comprehensive trachoma control program, and \$100,000 for fiscal 1967 for the Alaska pilot preventive mental health project.

Neither item appears in the President's budget, although Dr. Muschenheim pointed out that trachoma and mental illness are two of the chief factors contributing to the econo-

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# ***Philleo Nash Resigns BIA***

Acting Secretary of the Interior John A. Carver Jr. recently announced the resignation of Philleo Nash as Commissioner of Indian Affairs effective this week.

Mr. Nash, a former lieutenant governor of Wisconsin, was nominated by President Kennedy as Commissioner of Indian Affairs in August 1961.

Mr. Carver expressed appreciation for Mr. Nash's service. Robert L. Bennett is expected to be appointed to replace Nash.