

# FOOD AIRLIFT IS COMPLETED

Governor William A. Egan announced that an emergency airlift of food and other essential items by the Alaska Air National Guard from St. Michael to Emmonak and St. Marys has been completed.

The 18 tons of supplies were barged to St. Michael late last year, but could not be distributed inland before freezeup of the local river systems which serve as the principal supply routes.

The Governor last month called upon the Air Guard for

assistance when it was learned that food and other items were running dangerously low in Emmonak, St. Marys, and other villages in the general area.

Half a dozen aircraft of the 144th Air Transportation Squadron based in Anchorage participated in the airlift, operating from Anchorage and refueling at Bethel. A number of attempts to reach St. Michael were turned back by bad weather in the western Alaska area.