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CITIZENS' CONFERENCE — Citizens Participation Conference adjourned its first session in Juneau recently and will return to Juneau in April to continue the second session. The conference was chaired by Mike Zacharof of St. Paul Island, left, and John Monfor was vice chairman. He is from Kenai. — Photo by Ken Roberts

Citizens Participating Conference

By KATHY MOUTNER
JUNEAU The first session of the Third Annual Citizens Participating Conference recently adjourned.

The delegates voted to return to Juneau for the second session on April 8 through 12.

The Citizens Participation Conference is sponsored by the Division of State Economic Opportunity of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

Its purpose is to bring 30 low-income people representing all regions of the state to Juneau twice during the legislative session to learn how the state government functions and to voice the needs of their areas to legislators and key agency people.

Delegate Mike Zacharof of St. Paul was voted in as chairman of the CPC with John Monfor of Kenai as vice chairman. The delegates formed five committees in which they worked to discuss the legislation concerning their key issues and to draw up resolutions.

The leadership was strong and the delegates worked well together. Several of them testified at legislative committee hearings and many were able to meet with legislators.

Chairman of the community Facilities Committee, John Goodwin of Kotzebue, said their main concern was for better housing.

John Monfor of Kenai, chairman of the Education Committee, expressed the most important needs as more village high schools and bilingual programs.

More day care facilities, teen centers, and upgrading the AFDC payments were the main goals of the Social Services Committee chaired by Judith Adrian of Anchorage.

Hjalmar Olson of Koliganek is chairman of the Resources Committee. They want the village people themselves to define subsistence so that their rights to hunt and fish will be guaranteed, and are opposed to all trophy hunting for antlers and heads only which wastes huge amounts of meat.

Better housing for the aged and a raise in the old age assistance payments from \$250 to \$350 per month were the issues backed by the Senior Citizens Committee headed by John Thomas of Anchorage.

Other educators of the conference included guest speakers Jack Chenoweth and Bill Pritchard of the Division of Local Government Assistance of the De-

partment of Community and Regional Affairs.

Chenoweth explained the structure and functions of local government and Pritchard explained federal and state revenue sharing.

A film about the Bristol Bay fishery called "No More Fish" was shown along with a videotape of the Subsistence Conference put on in Juneau by the

Land Use Planning Commission.

When the delegates return for the second session in April, the conference as a whole will vote on all the committee resolutions and then present them to the appropriate legislators and agencies.

The delegates all felt that the CPC session was a good learning experience and expressed their appreciation for the concern and interest shown by the legislators.

NOTICE OF GRANT

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Department of Health and Social Services Office of Drug Abuse and the Drug Abuse Advisory Board invite project proposals in the areas of prevention, education, rehabilitation, and treatment in the fields of Drug Abuse.

Packets of materials including application forms are available from the State Office of Drug Abuse, Pouch H, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

Deadline for receipt of proposals is April 15, 1974.

Frederick P. McGinnis, Commissioner
State of Alaska
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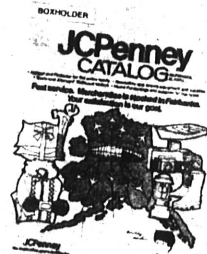
ANNOUNCES

The Bering Straits Native Corporation annual stockholders meeting has been rescheduled for 2 p.m. April 6, 1974 to be held at the National Guard Armory in Nome.

Rescheduling was necessary due to lack of hotel accommodations during the Iditarod Dog Sled Race, due to the scheduling of our President for training in Seattle, and to allow for more time in which to complete preparation for the meeting.

We are sorry for the inconvenience that this may cause our stockholders, however, our chances of achieving a quorum are higher and we wish to ensure a well-run meeting.

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