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FIRST ANNUAL AFN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Health Affairs Staff—

To Develop Statewide Testimony

The Health Affairs staff will be concentrating on developing the text for the Statewide testimony before the Senate and House Appropriations hearings.

The Senate hearings are now set for May 12; and the House hearings are now tentatively set for May 13-14. The AFN delegation plans to travel from Alaska to Washington, D.C. the week of May 5.

On May 16 and 17, Workshop III on the Alaska Native Health Care Policy Statement will be held in Anchorage, at which time at least one technical staff person from each of the 12 Health Corporations will be developing options for implementation of the Health Care Policy Statement.

During this workshop, the participants will initially break into small groups corresponding to the four management functions

delineated in the Policy Statement:

1) planning; 2) financing; 3) providing services; and 4) monitoring and evaluating performance. During Workshop II, the options for implementing the Policy Statement will be presented to the Special Committee for review and to take action on the alternatives and to begin planning for the Third Statewide Conference on Rural Health. Also, in conjunction with these activities, pursuant to the Second Follow-up Workshop, a staff person from the Health Affairs Division will begin preparing a final report on the Second Rural Health Conference.

The Regional Health Directors, under the auspices of the Health Affairs Division, will be convening in Anchorage on May 27-30 to participate in the Contracts

Management Course, with emphasis on the administration of FY 76 contracts for Alaska Native Health Program Development.

The Health Affairs Division has concluded negotiating the agreement for the sponsorship of the National Health Service Corp in the State of Alaska, according to Carl Jack, Director.

The sponsorship of the NHSC will enable the Health Affairs Division the capability to monitor and evaluate the programs of the Delegate Agencies (Health Corporations) to insure delivery of quality health services.

The NHSC personnel shall function under the administrative personnel policies of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. while they are located in the AFN offices, which will be approximately two years.

'We Need You Now!' AFN Executive Vice President Tells Group

"It is indeed appropriate to be holding the first annual AFN Youth Conference in this very room where Alaska Natives accepted the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act here at AMU back in December, 1971," said Gordon Jackson, Executive Vice-President, Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc.

"Today we're addressing another item that is equally important as far as I'm concerned. That is the involvement of our Native youth. It is a weakness of everyone from the State of Alaska to the Regional Corporations.

"This needs some attention, particularly in this day and age of Alaska Natives when we have an acute shortage of trained manpower needed to implement the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and make it successful; the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act; the Alaska Native Health Care Policy Statement; Local control of Alaska schools; and many, many others. They are the future and must be addressed now."

Jackson went on to explain the history of the AFN Human Resource Committee and chief areas of involvement since March, 1974 stressing the importance of a "responsive and effective education delivery system".

He also reiterated a statement heard many times, "That the AFN reorganization into Land and Human Resources has made the Statewide organization stronger and more effective and responsive

to many of the needs common to all Alaska Natives."

Jackson closed his remarks by once again stressing involvement. He said, "Former Senator Ernest Gruening inspired us several years ago and stressed this when we organized a group of students on the University of Alaska to organize a write-in campaign for him. He lost the primary election, you remember, due to his unpopular stand on the Vietnam war.

"We agreed with the late Senator's views that the war was illegal and immoral and felt strongly about his re-election. I'll never forget one evening we were merely bitching about several State and National issues.

"Senator Gruening overheard us and commented 'you'll never get anything done or accomplished by bitching among yourselves. Get elected, get appointed, or seek a forum to espouse your views. Get really involved and you'll see some results.'"

"Today I leave you with the same advice that inspired many of us — get involved. And I must stress this involvement's 'gotta be now' because we need you now!"



DENTAL FACTS

The first recorded reference to dentistry is a Babylonian cuneiform inscription from about 2,000 B.C., exorcising the "tooth-worm," which was believed to be the cause of dental decay until as late as the 18th century.

In the 18th century full sets of dentures were carved by goldsmiths, who set human or animal teeth in an ivory base. The human teeth were sometimes obtained from corpses by body snatchers.

The cost of false teeth was brought within the reach of most people in 1855 when Charles Goodyear made the hard rubber compound vulcanite, which was used for artificial dentures.

The toothpaste market currently amounts to well over \$300 million per year in consumer sales — more than double its size in 1955.

A Polish scientist, Dr. Jadwiga Pawlowska, discovered in the early 1950's that the chemical strontium chloride has a desensitizing effect on hypersensitive teeth. The safe, non-toxic compound that blocks the stimuli that causes the pain of dental sensitivity is now available in the therapeutic dentifrice Sensodyne.

More than 500 oral diseases, abnormal conditions and oral manifestations of general disorders can wreak havoc in the mouth. Surveys indicate that tooth decay and periodontal diseases affect an overwhelming majority of people in all parts of the world, to the extent that they may be regarded as continuous worldwide epidemics.

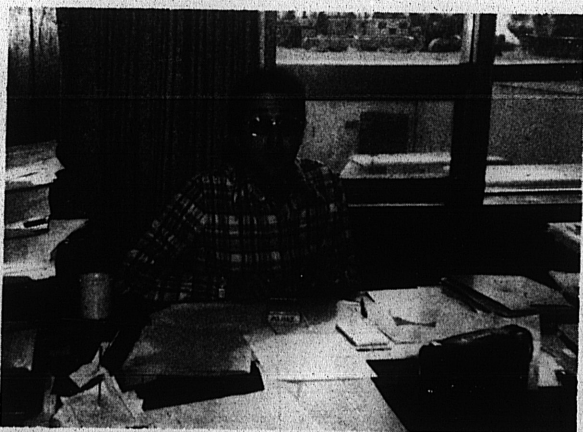
There are an estimated 500,000 dentists in the world. Some areas have only one dentist per million people. In the United States there is one per 2,000 inhabitants.

WE'VE MOVED !

The offices of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. have moved to 670 W. Fireweed, Anchorage 99503. The telephone number remains the same.



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QUECHAN STAFF MEMBERS — (consulting firm sub-contracted by Johnson-O'Malley), (L-R) Jay Leitzke, Neil Hutchens, Lance Coz.



In 16th century Europe, a Chinaman was not likely to be of Oriental ancestry. The word was used then to describe merchants who sold china.



Hors d'oeuvre (pronounced or-DEVR) originally meant "outside of the work," now it means food served outside of the meal!