

# Pribilof Director Baltzo Speaks at University

C. Howard Baltzo, director of the Pribilof Islands for the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, gave his personal opinion here Friday that the Pribilof Island program should be turned by the federal government to the state.

Baltzo made the statement in a public meeting at the University of Alaska at which he spoke on the people of the Pribilofs and showed slides of life there.

A number of Pribilovians, mostly students at the University, were in the audience.

Baltzo went into great detail regarding the history of the Pribilofs and describing how the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries was given the job of managing the fur seals rookeries and how uniquely the government bureau had been given the responsibility of looking after the people there.

He indicated that in recent years many changes had been made for the better but that transition, through necessity, must be slow.

He indicated the plan was to consolidate the village of St. George with St. Paul and that 75 families at St. George wanted to move to St. Paul but that their moving would have to wait on the construction of houses there.

Before Baltzo began his speech, a reporter with a tape recorder in the audience was asked to turn off his recorder by David R. Klein, a University teacher who introduced Baltzo.

When the reporter asked why, Klein replied, "Because this is the University." Ac-

cording to the University public relations office, the policy of the University is that tape recorders may be used by persons attending public meetings at the University.

Later Klein said he had been requested by Baltzo shortly before the meeting to request that the tape recorder be shut off and that he had done so at the speaker's personal request.