

AFN Supplemental Services Granted

The Alaska Federation of Natives was awarded the contract for \$198,250 to Supplemental Services for Anchorage Field Employment Assistance Office Clientele.

The object of this program is to assist all qualified Indian or native clientele to attain a status of economic independence, and to prepare them for assimilation and participation in a broader social and economic society where they may become self-sustaining citizens.

"We began the first phase of the program on August 12, 1970, which is transportation," said Iliodor Philemenof, director of the Supplemental Services of the AFN.

He said that the services began transporting those hired by federal agencies and those hired for projects to and from their places of employment and training.

"At the present time," Philemenof explained, "we have two routes being serviced, Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base.

He said two drivers have been hired for the routes, Donald McFarlin for Fort Richardson and Anatoly Lakanof, Jr. for Elmendorf.

Four persons are now utilizing the Elmendorf route and two on Fort Richardson.

"By the middle of September, we are anticipating an influx of people from the rural areas who will be utilizing not only the transportation system, but also recreation and drivers training programs," said Philemenof.

He said that the Supplemental

Services has purchased four vans for the transportation program and all four should be in operation by the middle of September.

The services are in the process of planning the recreation

program as well as the drivers training program.

Robert W. Rude, an Athabaskan from Flat, has been hired as coordinator.