

## ***Interior Dept.***

### ***Bestows Ipalook***

### ***Its Highest Honor***

Fred K. Ipalook of Barrow was the recipient of the highest honor of the Department of the Interior last week in Washington, D.C., the Distinguished Service Award.

The ceremonies took place at the Constitutional Hall in the nation's capitol conducted by Secretary Walter J. Hickel.

Ipalook was one of 94 who were given the honor along with eight Interior Department employees who were given the valor awards for heroic deeds.

Fred Ipalook retired last year after teaching for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for over 40 years.

Along with his long tenure of service, Ipalook was cited for his innovative "language log for use in teaching English as a second language."

The citation reads as follows: "In recognition of an eminent career of more than forty years of continuous service with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, all of which were spent in Alaska.

"Mr. Ipalook entered service with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on September 1, 1929, as an Assistant Teacher, at the age of nineteen years. There was a great need to meet the educational demands of his people.

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“He pioneered the development of a language log for use in teaching English as a second language. He has demonstrated outstanding ability in working with adults and children, and has earned the highest respect from his people and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

“His dedication for providing and improving educational opportunities has not diminished during his long and distinguished career in the classroom, and lately in the field of supervision.

“In recognition of his unstinting devotion to duty and outstanding performance in all areas of need for the benefit of his people, Mr. Ipalook is granted the highest honor of the Department of the Interior, the Distinguished Service Award.”