

# NOME NEEDS AFTER DISASTER

## Urgent Need for Cash Stressed by Mayor

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ANCHORAGE — A special disaster committee has been formed to deal with needs of Nome residents who can't be totally assisted by services of agencies working to restore the area after the recent Nome flood.

The committee was formed by Nome Mayor, Bob

Renshaw, to assist the Red Cross and the Salvation Army in helping primarily Native persons who lost fishing camps and subsistence needs in the recent disaster. So far the committee has collected an estimated \$1,600 from contributors from as far away as Florida.

"This money will be disbursed in collaboration with the professionals already working here," Renshaw said. "You see, they

are limited in many areas — bound by certain rules — as to how they may distribute assistance."

Renshaw explained that under most federal funding programs, building on floodplains is prohibited. Many of the subsistence fish camps destroyed by the flood were located in floodplains and he expects that much of the money collected by the disaster committee will be used to assist in rebuilding such camps.

Members of the committee include Rev. Norman Crider, Father Jim Poole, Renshaw and Native representative, Danny Karman, who is also a member of the Nome City Council. A local banker, Floyd Breedon, is serving as custodian of the funds.

"We really just need money," Renshaw explained. "Frankly, some of these disaster people's efforts have disrupted the local economy."