

STATE HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL MEETS

Members Take Up Major Policy Issues

ANCHORAGE — Representatives of Head Start Centers all over the State met in Anchorage on the 5 and 6 of December to discuss major policy issues affecting parents and children from Kake to Wainwright.

The State Child Development Policy Council made several legislative recommendations for the expansion of child care services in Alaska, including a proposal for State matching of Head Start funds.

The meeting provided a forum for Head Start Patents from many regions to share ideas and discuss common problems. Gregory Teve of Chevak discussed his village's problems with a building which is too cold and not large enough for Head Start.

Chevak's solution was to submit a funding proposal to the Rural Development Assistance Agency for materials to build a new center. A number of other village share the problem of in-

adequate facilities, and representatives discussed numerous solutions.

Reports were also given by Katherine Hanlon, Hoonah Parent-Child Center, Andrew Ekak, Wainwright Head Start, Brenda Dickson and Leonard Young from Anchorage, Paula Ayunerak from Alakanuk, Sabastian McGinty from Kaltag, Alice Dooley, a representative from Kodiak Head Start, and Karl Evon from Manakotak.

Dr. Helen Beirne, Director of the Special Services Delivery Project gave a report on the services being given to parents and children in the Bethel region.

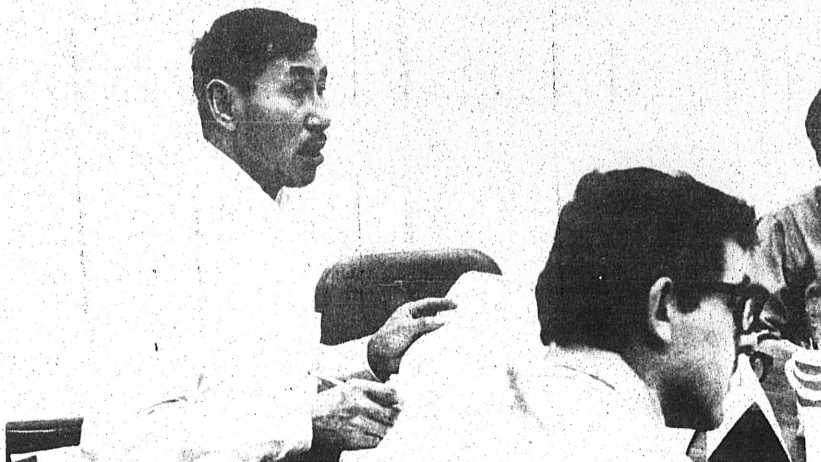
The Policy Council also expressed dissatisfaction with the training program for Head Start at Alaska Methodist University, and passed a resolution that the funds for training be awarded to RURAL CAP.

A newly formed health Services Advisory Committee also met with the State P.C. on Friday and discussed the Head Start Health Program. Dr. Peter Nakamura, Chief of Maternal and Child Health Care Services for USPHS, discussed a family health record that is being designed at the Alaska Native Medical Center.

Dr. John Stolpy, Chief of Area Dental Services for USPHS in Alaska, outlined a fluoride treatment program for Head Start children.

The hearing screening program of the Communicative Disorders Program of the State Department of Health and Social Services was described by Bill Orr.

The PC also elected new officers: Paula Ayunerak as Chairperson, Alice Dooley as Vice-Chairman, Carl Evon as Secretary, and Dr. Helen Beirne and Katherine Hanlon as Executive Committee members.



POLICY COUNCIL ELECTS — Head Start Council is electing officers. Andrew Ekak, Wainwright, is making a nomination.



POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS — The group is hearing health services report held last week in Anchorage. Foreground, left to right: Gregory Teve, Chevak; Dr. Helen Beirne; Carl Evon, Manakotak. Background, l-r: Florence Mason, VISTA; Agnes Kelley, Field Trainer.