

JUDGE ORDERS HALT TO OEO DISMANTLING

Alaska Native Commission Alcoholism Meets

The Alaska Native Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Board of Directors met in Juneau March 19 and 20. The Commission has received funding from the State of Alaska Office of Alcoholism in the amount of \$18,566.

The ANCADA is the first group which is representative state wide of all of Alaska's Native peoples specifically concerned with issues and programs relating to alcoholism and drug abuse.

The Commission, in its future roll, will strive to provide relief of alcoholism and drug-related problems and for the advancement of education and science relating to these problems.

While in Juneau, the Commission members had the opportunity to meet with their legislators and advocate for the support of the Governor's request for alcoholism monies.

The Board heard presentations from many agencies concerned with the problems of



STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT: Ted Velanis, Sava Stephan, Cy Peck Jr., Richard Carroll, Ralph Amouak, Evelyn Myers, Annie Bowen, Fred Pete, Lena Andree, Grace Lincoln, Loretta Kenton, and Stewart Nicolai. Seated: Henry Makarka, John Bergamaschi and Tom Ongtooguk.

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alcoholism and drug abuse including Mr. John Keating, Coordinator for the Alaska State

Office of Alcoholism, and Mary Beth Hilburn and Roger Poppe from the State Office of Drugs.

Breaking Up Programs Illegal

"OEO's activity declared illegal, and Howard Phillips enjoined by Judge Jones from continuing the dismantling of the Office of Economic Opportunity, highlighted the recent National Association for Community Development (NACD) annual convention in St. Louis," declared participant Michael C. Harper, Executive Director of RurAL CAP.

NACD, a national organization composed of members who are human services-oriented, has successfully organized all types of people from the grassroots level through and including Congressmen and Senators to form coalitions for the purpose of retaining community action agencies and the War on Poverty since 1965.

Harper commented that they went to the NACD April meeting with the idea that it would be a tremendous opportunity to gain strategies on keeping the programs alive and viable in light

of the proposed Fiscal Year '74 budget which calls for the elimination of the poverty program.

He said, "This was a golden opportunity for me to find out other things that were happening across the nation relative to CAAs. For instance, the States of New Jersey and possibly Ohio, are going to pick up the funding for the community action agencies of their states."

Other activities centering on "What You Can Do For Yourself" included workshops on Big Business Support, Building Coalitions, Streets or Courts, Rural Funding, Can Minority Groups Afford to be Partisan, and Head Start Causus.

An explanation of the suits that had been brought against Howard Phillips' dismantling of OEO activities revealed: (1) The suits challenge the legality of the Howard Phillips as director of the OEO because he has not

received confirmation of the U. S. Senate.

(2) Suits challenge rules and regulations that OEO has recently issued regarding phase-out orders to CAPs, and instructions banning inter-state travel. Law requires that any rules or regulations of government must appear in the FEDERAL REGISTER for 30 days prior to their becoming law.

(3) Suits say that the combined effect of dismantling OEO amounts to reorganizing a branch or agency of government and such a reorganization plan must be approved by Congress.

Understandably, a joyous moment was experienced on the last day of the convention when Judge Jones in Washington, D.C. handed down his ruling that declared the OEO dismantling illegal.

In other business, Jewel Mason of Anchorage, was chosen as one of the Northwest Region's national delegates.

Says OEO Programs Cannot Be Abolished By Administration

A Washington, D.C. judge ordered a halt to the illegal break-up of OEO as currently being conducted by the administration appointee, Howard Phillips.

Judge William Jones said on April 11, that the administration could not abolish OEO programs, particularly community action agencies (CAAs), since it was clearly the intent of Congress that the War on Poverty should be continued.

He ordered Phillips to cease his phase-out activities immediately, saying that they were unauthorized by law, illegal and in excess of statutory authority. Judge Jones declared that only Congress could terminate the program, either by failing to supply funds or forbidding expenditures of further funds.

Michael C. Harper, Executive

Director for one of the two CAAs in Alaska, stated that this is a tremendously encouraging first step in this long battle to save community action.

"We must now see to it that Congress can appropriate a bill that will not be vetoed by President Nixon for funding of community action. What this action has done is simply bought us more time to organize and rally from the grassroots up so that, hopefully, Congress will react very soon," Harper commented.

Harper on Cutbacks

CAP Head Scores Cutbacks on TV

Mike Harper, Executive Director of RurAL CAP, discussed the cutbacks of the community action agencies on a St. Louis television program (Channel 11) recently.

When asked the question, "Isn't poverty a greater problem in the urban areas rather than Alaska?", Harper replied that, "... the incidence or degree of poverty in rural Alaskan villages is far greater than poverty levels in many of the most blighted inner cities of America."

He was explained to the television audience that the RurAL Alaska Community Action Agency would still serve a useful purpose — that of advocating for low income citizens in rural Alaska, and of offering all people in the State the mechanisms whereby they can participate in the major decision making process.

Harper was requested to speak on TV when he was in St. Louis attending the annual National Association for Com-

munity Development which was held April 9-12.

The CAP director said that although he attempted to speak primarily on the need for CAAs and people-oriented problems, the greater part of the taped interview was focused on the Alaska pipeline.

Clearly, national attention is on our pipeline situation. It was explained that the current Supreme Court decision of upholding the decision to enforce the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 was forcing the Congress to come up with legislation that would change the rules.

Harper commented that misinformation and misconception on the pipeline by people in the Lower 48 was the rule rather than the exception.

"Hopefully," the director said, "I set the record straight with some of the people in St. Louis, not only on some aspects of poverty in Alaska, but also gave them a better picture of the pipeline situation."

Taking of the Marine Mammals— Seals, Sea Lions, Whales Prohibited Except by Natives

A spokesman for the National Marine Fisheries Service, a com-

ponent agency of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, reminds the public of prohibition against the taking of marine mammals which includes seals, sea lions, porpoise and whales.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act was passed by Congress last fall and the prohibition became effective on December 21, 1972. Provision has been made for certain exceptions to the moratorium.

In brief these allow for the taking of marine mammals: (1) by Alaska Natives (Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos) living on the coast for: (a) subsistence purposes, (b) use in authentic Native handicrafts or clothing;

(2) incidental to a bona fide commercial fishing operations; (3) under terms of a permit issued by the Secretary of Commerce.

With increasing marine activity during spring and summer, outdoorsmen are cautioned not to harass, hunt, capture or kill any seal, sea lion, porpoise or whale unless they are exempted under the terms of the Act.

Stringent penalties are provided for conviction of persons violating provisions of the Act or its regulations.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the National Marine Fisheries Service, Federal Building, Juneau, Alaska, telephone 586-7225.

Statewide Art Exhibit to Be Held at Alaska State Museum

Statewide art exhibit will be held at the Alaska State Museum, Juneau, during May, 1973. Exhibition dates will be from Friday, May 4 through Friday, May 25.

Deadline for receipt of out-of-town entries will be Sunday, May 29, 1973.

As in the past this exhibit will be sponsored by Alaskan Arts and Crafts, Inc. A program and catalog will be published.

Keith Appel, an established artist and art educator, has been invited to critique the show and give a lecture at the Exhibitor's Night Reception, May 3.

Active demonstrations of a wide variety of media will be featured each weekend.

The exhibition will not be juried however, only original art-

work will be displayed. Copies, kitwork or work done under instruction will not be accepted.

Alaskan Arts and Crafts, Inc. aims to perpetuate and stimulate the further development of the original and creative arts and crafts of Alaska. All Alaskans from all over the state are invited to participate and thus encourage, stimulate and promote Alaskan talents and materials.

Please keep the dates in mind. Inquires should be directed to Nancy Grave, President of Alaskan Arts and Crafts, Inc.

The Tundra Times, located in the Chena Bldg. Room 220, Fairbanks, has entry blanks available for anyone interested in entering.

