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Director—

Bush Justice

It has been reported to us that over 3,200 Alaskan Natives have been hired for jobs on the pipeline. This figure is well over the projected number of 1,000 at the start of the pipeline construction.

The success in placing rural Alaskan Natives on the jobs has not been without problems however. Many of our rural applicants lack the necessary qualifications for construction trades.

Those that do meet the qualification standards lack the basic necessity of fare and subsistence money to become associated with urbanized hiring halls. The seniority ranking system of hiring halls is confusing and frustrating to many of our clients.

We believe that the peak of the construction is here. There are many Alaskan Natives we have not enlisted to our rolls, and we suggest these individuals do their utmost to have their names enrolled with us. AFN Referral Coordinators are located in Bethel, Kodiak, Dillingham, and Juneau.

Sam Kito, President of AFN, Inc. recently announced the selection of David Stanway Case as Director of the Bush Justice Program.

Dave is presently a VISTA staff attorney with Alaska Legal Services in Anchorage. He's attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington then received his law degree in 1974 from the University of Washington in Seattle.

During his last year in law school, he developed a Code of Criminal Law and Procedure for the Suquamish Indian Band located near Port Madison, Washington.

Dave will be reviewing applications for the Field Worker and Administrative positions and will have the positions filled by the end of the month in order to begin assisting village residents with their problems with the judicial and legal systems in rural Alaska.

The Bush Justice Program is



DAVID CASE

funded through a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration to follow-up on the recommendations of the Second Bush Justice Conference held last June in Minto.

Scientists Survey for Aqua Culture

Dr. Richard Neve, Director of Marine Sciences with the University of Alaska and Vincent D. Wright, Chief Economist for the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. have recently returned from surveying tidal basins for a potential aqua-culture site being considered in conjunction with the Chenega Project.

Some areas under consideration are Eshamy Bay, Jackpot Bay and Totemoff Lake.

The purpose of the trip was to analyze the possibility of a pilot project relative to shell fish, one type being the European Oyster. This oyster is successfully raised in climates similar to that of the Chenega area.

If pursued, a raft system would be developed for raising the oysters which would make it possible for the shell fish to feed 24 hours a day, thereby increasing the growth rate substantially. This would effectively eliminate the tidal effect which prevents the oysters from feeding when the tide is out.

Also being considered is a possible salmon hatchery in the area.



In England, the left eye of the hedgehog fried in oil was a remedy for insomnia in the 17th century.

Health Affairs Div.

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. Health Affairs Division has been awarded a contract with advance payment to fund the Regional Health Corporations for FY 76 and is currently making site visits to explain the provisions of the Contract Fiscal reporting requirements.

The team includes: Mr. Carl Jack, Director, AFN Health Affairs; Mrs. Marilyn Scott, Chief Accountant, AFN; Mr. Richard Peterson, Contracting Officer, AAHHS; and Mr. Robert Singyke, Project Officer, AAHNS.

The Health Affairs Division staff intends to make sure the provisions of the contracts are complied with and still allow as much flexibility to the regions (subcontractors) in the performance of the provision of the contract.

In other related activities, the Division sponsored a third Workshop of the Alaska Native Health Care Policy Statement on July 17 and 18, 1975, resulting in designation of the Regional Health Directors to revise the Policy Statement according to the expressed concerns of the participants as well as to formulate an implementation plan to be considered in the next convention of AFN, Inc.

The Indian Affairs Subcommittee of the House will hold hearings on HR 2525, entitled "Indian Health Care Improvement Act" in Anchorage on August 5, 1975. The hearings are two-fold from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

The Committee on HR 2525, chaired by Congressman Lloyd Meeds, is scheduled from 8:30 AM-12:00 PM. The Education and Labor Subcommittee will hold oversight hearings on JOM

regulations from 1:00 PM — 5:00 PM.

"Passage of HR 2525 is crucial as it will enable the Indian Health Service to accrue additional funds which can in turn be contracted by the Regional Health Corporations in the implementation of the Alaska Native Health Care Policy Statement at the adequate level of funding to provide quality health care," said Carl Jack.

"It is, therefore, extremely important for the regions to testify before the Committee during the Hearings."

Agenda Items Include Legislation FY 1976 Budget

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. Board of Directors will meet at the AHTNA, Inc. offices in Copper Center on July 24th.

Agenda items include legislation discussion and progress, FY 1976 Budget, joint meeting of the Board of Directors and the Land Managers regional representatives is scheduled for August 6 and 7, 1975 in Anchorage at the Cook Inlet Region, Inc. Board Room beginning each day at 10:00 A.M. CIRI's offices are at 1211 West 27th Avenue.

The meeting on Section 7(i) of

Management Seminar

AFN, Inc. and the University of Alaska-Anchorage with funding from the Alaska Human Resources Development Program is co-sponsoring an Administrative Management Workshop to be held on campus of the University of Alaska — Anchorage August 4-8, 1975.

Participants from the regions, non-profit association and health corporations have been invited to attend. The first seminar was held last year in Anchorage.

The planning for this seminar had input from AFN, the University and from participants of last year's program. We feel that this year's seminar is geared to meet the needs of the office managers, executive secretaries and administrative assistants in the regions.

Some topics to be covered throughout the five day workshop are: Communications Workshop, Current federal and state issues

affecting regional and village corporations, history of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Office procedures workshops, Peoples problem workshop, Field trips to selected organizations, and a legal secretary's workshop.

To end the seminar, a banquet will be held on August 8 with Sam Kito, President of AFN, Inc. presenting certificates of completion to the participants after a week of hard work.

This program will be a three phase program. Those wishing University credit for attending would be required to do a special project and to pay the \$20 tuition fee.

Interested persons should contact Dr. Omer Carey at the University of Alaska-Anchorage, or AFN, Inc.

Congressional Delegation Cocktail Hour

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. will be sponsoring a No-Host Cocktail Hour for the Congressional delegation scheduled to arrive in Anchorage on August 4, 1975.

The Cocktail Hour will be held that evening from 7:30 — 9:30 PM in the Mid Deck Room of the Captain Cook Hotel. President Sam Kito has urged those people interested in meeting members of the delegation to attend.

Representatives Lloyd Meeds and Ted Risenhoover of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Subcommittee on Indian Affairs, and Representatives Tim Hall, Michael Blouin, and Bill Lehman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, will be holding hearings on HR 2525, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

The delegation will be in Juneau, Sitka, Anchorage, Kodiak, Bethel, Unalakleet and Fairbanks the week of August 3-8.

Current Standing of Fy 76 JOM Proposals

One June 19, 1975 the Johnson-O'Malley Review Committee, meeting in Juneau, completed the prioritization of the A Category proposals.

At that time, the list was turned over to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for consideration by Clay Antioquia, Area Director. From that time until the present, the BIA has been evaluating and reassessing the prioritized listing.

In addition, on July 3, 1975, the Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Harley M. Frankel, Washington, D.C., issued the following telegram:

Congressional committees are considering changes which would affect Johnson-O'Malley allocations. You should wait until further direction is provided by this office before completing Johnson-O'Malley negotiations. Therefore, AFN/JOM can not

begin subcontract negotiations until Frankel rescinds his telegram. There is no projected date for that occurrence.

AFN/JOM is currently preparing for Prime Contract negotiations with BIA. Barring unforeseen difficulties, Prime Contract negotiations should be completed by August 15, 1975 at which time the AFN/JOM staff will gear up for subcontract negotiations pending Frankel's notification of the release of funds.

The official approved priority list will be made available by BIA at the completion of Prime Contract negotiations.

Again, because of late negotiations, JOM programs are hindered from meeting their fullest potential in providing good supplemental services for Native students.