

No. 1 Health Problem—

Financial Investment for Alcoholism

Commissioner Frederick McGinnis, Department of Health and Social Services, expressed this month the unprecedented, extensive financial investment of over \$6.5 million in funds committed to Alaska's number one health problem — alcoholism.

"State and federal funds for grants to local communities provided through the Office of Alcoholism total \$1,958,300," McGinnis said. "Local contributions of in-kind cash used to match the state effort increased those total efforts to nearly \$3 million."

In cooperation with the Alaska Comprehensive Health Advisory Council and the State Alcoholism Advisory Board, The

National Council on Alcoholism in Alaska was awarded \$1,500,000 from the federal level National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAA) for a two-year media and prevention effort.

Of this amount, \$450,000 has been contracted to the Alaska Native Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (AN-CADA) for use in rural areas. Other NIAAA grant recipients are 166 Alaskan villages receiving "mini-grants" ranging from \$5 to \$10,000 and totaling \$1,600,000; Upper Tanana Regional Council at Tok for \$115,000; Social Development Center in Anchorage for \$125,000; Alaska Native Brotherhood, Anchorage,

age, \$62,350; Rural Cap for \$100,000; and the Aleut League for \$93,750.

Commissioner McGinnis said that the total funds and resources amounted to \$6,544,400.

"Alcoholism is the most serious health and social problem facing the state today. In 1970, the Alaska per capita consumption of alcohol was 44 per cent above the national average. Last year a survey indicated that 9.2 per cent of Alaska's over-20 population were alcoholics," said McGinnis.

McGinnis explained that the state's philosophy toward alcoholism programs is to direct its activities toward locating funding to help local communities develop programs which are tailored to their needs.

"Consequently," said McGinnis, "specific client treatment is taking place at the community level. The State Office of Alcoholism has the dual responsibility of coordinating and planning for statewide service delivery needs. That is how we are going to get treatment to the patients

and the patients to the treatment and assuring that the state is utilizing optimally its funds in its efforts to reduce alcohol abuse."

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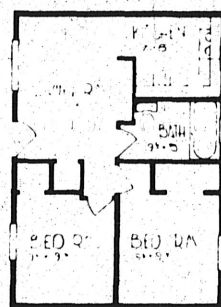
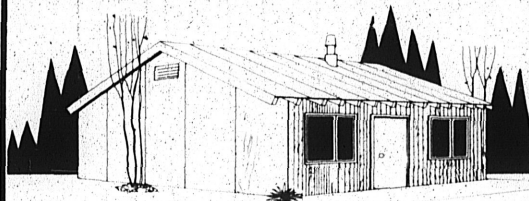
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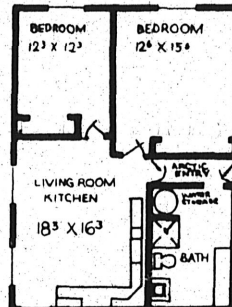
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CANDY PALMER, left, newly appointed assistant manager of Alaska Native Arts and Crafts Co-Op downtown, and Katy Tiulana, salesgirl, display the award the Co-Op received for its 1974 ANAC calendar. The award for outstanding work in the graphic arts field was presented by the Printing Industries of America. Photographer Sam Kimura did the art work for the calendar; Murray, Kraft & Rokey, an Anchorage Advertising and Public Relations Agency, were consultants. Private collectors, as well as others from the Anchorage community, were also among those who helped with the calendar.

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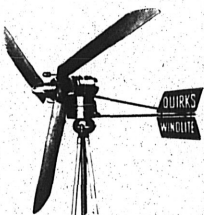
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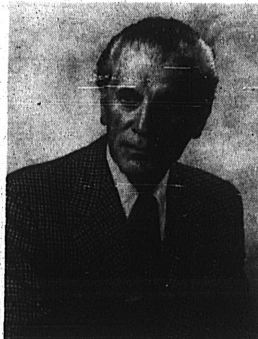
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As the senior Democrat in the Alaska State Senate, I advocate the retention of John Butrovich, the Senate's Senior Republican. In doing so, I do not intend to disparage anyone running on the opposition ticket. However, as a lifelong Alaskan — as is John — I am fully aware that sometimes loyalty to state must transcend loyalty to party.

John and I served together in the Senate for the last decade. He and I have not always agreed. However, to my knowledge, he has consistently and steadfastly adhered to that which he thought was right. In my opinion, it would be a sad day indeed if Senator Butrovich were among the absent at swearing-in time on January 20, 1975.

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