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CAP ASKS ALASKA SEA MAMMAL HEARINGS

Kotzebue Head Start Workshop

A Head Start Workshop was held in Kotzebue February 7-11 at the Head Start Center. Villages represented were Noatak, Selawik, Kivalina, Point Hope and Kotzebue.

College credit was given to the teacher-directors and teacher aides who participated in a course presented by Rosemary Davidson, instructor from the Alaska Methodist University, on cognitive learning and room arrangement.

Miriam Bell, Alaska Federation of Natives' nutrition coordinator, and May Williams, food educator from Kotzebue, worked with the cooks on the five basic food groups and enriching snack time.

Field Training Supervisors Clara Kelly, Bethel; Ray Gabriel and Martina Gallineaux, Kotzebue, worked with parents in discussing the manual and Head Start procedures.

Dr. Case, Public Health Service dentist, and Joan Snyder, state Public Health nurse, Kotzebue, met with the village staffs to discuss problems in the area.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs music teacher, Gloria Carr, instructed teachers and aides on the use of the auto-harp and learning children's songs.

Also in attendance were Peggy Sherman, Director of Child Development and secretary Oddett Hogue from the RurAL CAP central office in Anchorage. They worked with parents and teachers regarding forms, ordering and the budget.

Staff members present were: from Kotzebue, Marie Stalker, Martha Barr, Blanche Octuck, Pauline Henry, Mary Goodwin and John Evak. From Kivalina, Lucy Adams, Lona Swan and Oscar Sage. From Noatak, Gretchen Booth, Alice Booth, Bessie Adams and Benjamin Adams. From Point Hope, Vera Frankson, Ella Kowanna, Delia Stone, Luke Koonuk and Marilyn Omnik.

Also present, from Selawik were Laura Norton, Jane Larkin, Marjorie Tickett, Lorena Clark and Nita Commack.

Housing Seminar--

Designed for Housing Management

RurAL CAP Program Specialist Conrad Baines attended a housing management training seminar which was held at Marjorie Webster College, Washington, D. C. from January 31 to March 24.

The curriculum was planned by nationally recognized housing managers and designed to cover both business and social skills, with principles applicable to the management of all types of federally assisted multi-family housing, public housing, nonprofit housing, private housing for low- and moderate-income families.

The eight-week course was formulated to provide participants with a working knowledge of housing management as mid-level lower income housing management specialists.

All phases of housing were considered, including the federal role; management administration; Indian housing; fiscal matters such as budget preparation, collection, accounting and disbursement; safety and security; and insurance.

Also, special responsibilities such as maintenance, social management, elderly, handicapped and nursing home management; and housing code enforcement.

Practical application of the information presented was observed in the field at housing projects. Community development included urban renewal, model cities, revenue sharing; the relocation process roles and responsibilities of local agencies and a visit to the Department of Housing and Urban Development were also on the agenda.

The seminar was attended by people from local housing authorities, housing development corporations, community action agencies and model cities programs. The training sessions were organized and sponsored by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Baines reported that the organization plans to join with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in setting up a training program for Indian housing.

Kodiak Development Corp. Board in Meet

The Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation held its Board of Directors meeting March 17 and 18. George Irvin, Trainer, and Archie Gottschalk, Program Development Specialist, attended as representatives from RurAL CAP's Central Office.

Discussions centered around Land Claims and related issues. Guest speakers included Hank Eaton, President, Kodiak Area Native Association, Cliff Black, Deputy Director, AFN; and Roy Ewan, AFN Charitable Trust Planner. The National Bank of Alaska and First National Bank of Anchorage were also represented.

Discussions on health affairs included Carl Jack, Deputy Director, AFN Health Affairs, Mrs.

Lillie McGarvey, Alaska Native Medical Center, Anchorage; Mrs. Tina Monigold, Regional Representative, Anchorage Service Unit; and Mrs. Betty Springhill, Chairman, Kodiak Island Borough Comprehensive Health Board.

Mr. Don Perkins, Executive Director, Rural Development Agency, gave a presentation on his agency with regard to policy and funding procedures in relation to the Kodiak area.

Mrs. Marge Frelin, Neighborhood Youth Corps, briefly discussed her field in the Kodiak region.

A board training session was conducted by George Irvin during the last day of the meeting.

Native Arts and Crafts Jeopardized by Sea Mammal Legislation

On March 9, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1971 by an overwhelming vote of 362 to 10.

Congressman Nick Begich was "strongly in favor of what the bill sought to do - offer comprehensive protection to threatened ocean mammals and provide a system for thorough study and future planning for this invaluable resource."

However, Begich voted against the bill because the methods of protection were "too generalized to avoid substantial hardships for many Alaskans."

Those hardships would be felt by Native Alaskans who, under the House bill, would not be allowed to use marine mammal products such as ivory and seal skins in commercial arts and crafts activities and would not be permitted to hunt Bowhead whales.

Similar legislation is expected to be acted upon by the U.S. Senate in late April or early May.

RurAL CAP has asked that Senate hearings be held in Alaska where so much of the legislation

impact will be felt.

A RurAL CAP survey has noted that arts and craft income totaling about \$500,000 in 1970 wholesale value is part or all of the cash income of approximately 30,000 Alaskan Natives, and that people in about 90% of Native villages will be affected if commercial Native arts and crafts use of marine mammals is prohibited.

It appears unlikely that the U.S. Senate will hold Alaskan hearings on marine mammal legislation. But, RurAL CAP has been informed that there is a possibility that the Senate subcommittee which is chaired by Senator Hollings and which is considering this legislation will provide for commercial Native arts and craft use of marine mammals.

The Senate bill may also be amended to allow the taking of some Bowhead whales, possibly with some limits and management to insure that the Bowhead whales, reduced to being an endangered species by large commercial whaling operations, will not disappear forever from Arctic waters.

RurAL CAP Executive Committee

A regularly scheduled meeting of the RurAL CAP Board of Directors Executive Committee was held March 22 in Anchorage.

The committee voted to support a resolution that asks for hearings to be held in Alaska on the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Other items on the agenda included consideration of the dental/nutritional program which is to be implemented by August 1st in the Copper Valley area and the formation within RurAL CAP of a youth division which would prepare programs that will be of benefit to the youth in the state.

Walter Baldwin, project direc-

tor of a Fisheries Marketing, Research and Development Program under an Economic Development Administration grant to the Alaska Federation of Natives, explained their activities and stated that they are now ready to begin developing resources using data that has been accumulated on marketing, production, transportation, quality control and other aspects of fisheries production.

Other visitors to the meeting were Charles Renard, board member of the Copper Valley-Tanana Regional Development Corporation, and Paul Davis, regional director of the corporation.

Roger Kunayak to Appear on 'To Tell the Truth'

FAIRBANKS—A 21-year-old student at the University of Alaska born on Little Diomed Island in Bering Strait close to Siberia has been selected to appear on the national television show "To Tell The Truth."

Roger Kunayak, winner of three native contests at the Arctic

Winter Games early last month, is to be in New York City on April 9 for personal appearances and taping of the show.

The television network had asked Alaska Airlines to help arrange for the appearance on

the show of a talented Alaskan native who had participated in the games, and the carrier in turn contacted the university for recommendations. Kunayak is mentioned in a March 27 Time magazine report on the games.

Alaska Airlines is arranging

for his travel to New York and hotel accommodations there.

Kunayak works and studies under Professor Ronald Senungetuk in the university's Native Arts and Crafts Program. He sculpts soapstone, carves wood and ivory, and makes silver

jewelry.

"Most of my art sells, which helps pay for my activities," he says.

As a boy on Little Diomed, he knew little English. Few of the islanders spoke anything but Eskimo. He learned to hunt for survival.

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