



TEN YEAR SERVICE AWARD—At a staff meeting on Monday, April 27, Superintendent, Wallace O. Craig awarded a ten year service award to Agency Administrative Manager, Jerry G. Austin. Mr. Austin is a native of Oregon. He came to the Bureau of Indian Affairs from the U.S. Forest Service in Elko, Canada. He has been in Alaska since November, 1967. Mr. Austin is married and has three children, and is expecting another at any time.

NCAI Raps Interior Dept., BIA

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The nation's largest Indian organization, the National Congress of American Indians, (NCAI) speaking through its president, Earl Old Person, lashed out at the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs today over appointments made to the top positions within the

Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In a prepared statement released through the Washington, D.C. offices of the NCAI, Old Person accused the BIA and the Department of the Interior of not contacting or consulting with the National Congress of American Indians regarding the selection of the top positions.

The NCAI, which represents over 400,000 Indians across the country contends that more "Tri-

bally" enrolled Indians should have been named to the policy-making positions within the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Old Person acknowledged a small breakthrough in the appointment of Indians to positions below those of policy-direction, but strongly emphasized disappointment that Tribally enrolled Indians were not named to even a few top policy slots.

Fr. Baldwin Will Not Go Hungry at Arctic Village

(From Arctic Village Echoes)

By JOEL TRITT
Arctic Village

Father Baldwin will come Wednesday 22, 1970.

He will stay in mission. Everybody will feed him.

Community Education Group Starts

The Alaska Association for Continuing Community Education had its beginning on Wednesday, March 18, 1970 in a meeting held at the Anchorage Community College Adult Basic Education Department, at 206 East Fifth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be to:

(1) Assist in developing an effective program of education for adults in Alaska,

(2) Promote the professional

growth and welfare of the practitioners in the field of adult education,

(3) Encourage further cooperation between the teachers, aides, counselors, administrators, governmental officials and lay citizens in continually offering a better program of adult education, and,

(4) Foster recognition of adult education as an integral part of public education.

A constitution was accepted

and officers were elected: Mrs. Nancy Gross —President, Mr. C. Wayne Hussey —1st Vice-President, Mr. James Martindale —2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Frances Rose —Recording Secretary, Miss Diane Schmidt —Treasurer, and Mrs. Anita Bowen —Corresponding Secretary.

Committees were set up and are now working on: Adult Education courses in the Associate, Bachelors and Masters degree levels, a tentatively scheduled meeting for the association in August, and a Newsletter distribution by the first of May.

More information about AACCE may be obtained by contacting or writing Mrs. Nancy Gross, AACCE, 206 East Fifth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Legislature Overrides Veto on Abortion Bill

Abortions in Alaska will become a matter between a woman and her doctor on July 29 as long as the fetus is still incapable of sustaining life outside the mother's body—usually 26 weeks.

On that date a bill that passed over Gov. Keith Miller's veto will go into effect.

The Legislature overrode the Governor's veto April 30 in a combined vote of 41 to 17—one over the 40 needed. The Govern-

nor said that he vetoed the bill to liberalize the state's abortion law because of "personal reservations."

Under the bill, abortions must be performed by physicians in approved health facilities and women seeking the abortion must have resided in Alaska for at least 30 days. Parents or guardians of women under 18 must give their consent to an abortion.

Beaches Opened For Clamming

JUNEAU—In continuation of an Alaskan clamming industry program, previously announced jointly by Governor Keith Miller and Representative Richard R. Borer, R-Cordova, the Governor announced that on April 27 two other beaches were opened for commercial razor clam harvesting.

The beaches are Swikshak, located on the Alaska Peninsula northeast of Afognak Island between Cape Douglas and Kaguyak, and the Polly Creek area on the west shore of Cook Inlet between Redoubt Point and the mouth of the Grecian River.

These beaches will be posted for commercial harvest of razor clams to be (1) vacuum packed, canned and heat treated for interstate sale and (2) packing of fresh and frozen razor clams for use in Alaska only.

The Governor and Representative Borer previously indicated that opening of the Cordova-Copper River Flats area (the first beach certified) was an initial step in obtaining Federal approval to certify interstate shipments of fresh and frozen razor clams.

Species of clams other than razor clams from these beaches are not certified for commercial harvest. All other beaches are closed to harvest because of the danger of shell fish toxicity.

Robert A. (Bert) Hall, Commissioner of the Department of Health and Welfare, again warns, against consumption of clams, except razor clams from posted beaches because of potential danger of paralytic shellfish poisoning.

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Store Mgrs. Train

For two days last week the managers of new community-owned stores in a number of Alaskan villages have been attending a seminar-workshop at the Community Enterprise Development Corporation offices in Anchorage, in preparation for a buying trip to Seattle.

The participants come from consumer co-ops in nine Native villages of Southwestern Alaska, representing the potential of a half million dollars annually in gross sales.

Taking part in this unique program are: Nels Franklin of the Manokotak Village Residents' Cooperative, Charlie Chingliak of the Goodnews Bay Cooperative (Consumer Division), Ole Agwiak of the Mountain Village Cooperative, Irwin Brink of the Kasigluk Co-op Store, Stanley Active of the co-op store in Togiak, Gregory Noxie of the co-op store in New Stuyahok, Charlie Nalay of the co-op store in Koliganek, and P. Evon of the

co-op in Bethel Heights.

The first five of these consumer cooperatives have received assistance from the Community Enterprise Development Corporation in the past.

All of the stores are owned and controlled by their local communities, and they enjoy strong support by village residents. All of them started operations during the past year.

Last Friday, the store managers visited major Anchorage wholesalers. The next day they again spent the day in training sessions, and on Sunday they departed for Seattle.

The trip will represent the first time that managers of this type of Alaskan enterprise have had the opportunity to meet directly with various wholesalers serving Alaska, to establish personal contact and confer on important matters such as credit, delivery terms and transportation before placing a major order.

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