

# Land Use Planning Commission-

## *Governor Names Four Persons, Morton Names Other Half*

JUNEAU — Governor William Egan last week announced the appointment of eight persons to the new state-federal Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska, four of them named by the Governor and the other four by Interior Secretary Rogers Morton.

Egan's appointees are Dr. Max Brewer, State Commissioner of Environmental Conservation and former longtime director of the Arctic Research Laboratory at Barrow; Charles Herbert, State Commissioner of Natural Resources and a minerals geologist; James Hurley, owner of a title insurance company in Palmer who was formerly a member of the Federal Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation and served in the first state legislature; and Harry Carter, of Kodiak, executive director of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Morton's appointees are Celia Hunter, of Fairbanks, executive secretary of the Alaska Conservation Society and a Charter member of the bureau of land management's advisory board for Alaska; Anchorage Mayor George Sullivan, a former deputy U.S. marshal at Nenana and transportation executive; Dr. Richard Cooley, economist, geographer, and geography and environmental studies program chairman

at the University of California at Santa Cruz and the author of three books and various articles on Alaska; and Joseph H. Fitzgerald, former state chairman of the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska and Coordinator for the Alaska Earthquake Recovery Program who now lives at Seeley Lake, Montana.

Co-chairmen of the commission are Governor Egan and Jack O. Morton, former Deputy Undersecretary of the Interior who was appointed to the new post last March by the President.

Alaska Attorney General John Havelock will serve as Governor Egan's personal representative on the commission.

The new commission is an advisory body to the state and federal governments on land use planning. It has both short term and long term responsibilities.

The commission will assist in the administration of the Native Claims Settlement Act, particularly in the identification of public easements across Native selected lands which are necessary to guarantee a full right of public use and access for recreation and commerce.

In the long term, the commission is to undertake a process of land use planning based upon

public hearings and information of government agencies, which will help in determining areas best suited for permanent federal ownership and what lands should be disposed of to private parties, insuring that economic growth and development is orderly planned and compatible with the environmental objectives and the economic and social well-being of the residents of Alaska.

Recommendations of the commission require the concurrence of both the state and federal co-chairmen.

Governor Egan called the new commission "one of the most important ever established as far as Alaska's orderly development is concerned" and praised the appointees as "concerned and dedicated Alaskans who together represent a vast storehouse of knowledge and expertise on Alaska's land use needs."