# Alaska Legislature's Reorganization Effort Progresses

House Speaker Mike Bradner recently said that the Legislative Council's action in hiring four Alaskans to fill the top positions in its professional support agency represents completion of Phase I the Legislature's reorganization efforts.

Bradner said the next phase will The Fairbanks lawmaker be to fill out its new research explained that the Legislature's

division with the hiring of six research analysts representing fields of expertise from education to oil and gas.

Bradner, a Fairbanks lawmaker, said the Legislative Council has acted to hire four men to fill the key top spots.

interim management committee, the Legislative Council, last week approved the hiring of four key persons to fill the legislative support agency's top positions. "All are Alaskans," Bradner

Bradner said the top position of Agency Administrator went to Jack Doyle, who held the post ten years ago, and who most recently

was West Coast Director for the Council of State Governments. The Council then created two professional divisions, a Legal Services Division and a Research Services Division, placing present legislative staff member Bill

Berrier, of Juneau, in the Legal

post, and Gregg Erickson in the Research post.

Bradner said Erickson is a graduate of the University of Alaska, has worked with University Research departments, served as consultant for the 1972 Legislative Oil Impact Committee, and most recently was with the U.S. Senate Interior Committee.

The House Speaker said Erickson will be charged with filling out the new Research Division approved by the legislature this year.

'The development of the professional agency which backs up the citizen legislator is long overdue," Bradner said. He pointed out that the present size of the professional support agency has remained essentially the same size for the past ten

"The problems we are asked to handle have multiplied time and again these past ten years," Bradner said, "but we have not kept pace with our backup expertise to handle and anticipate those problems."

Bradner also said that as the problems get bigger, careful development of professional staff can help keep the legislature on a citizen basis, allowing the individual lawmaker to tend to both his personal business and to direct continuing work efforts of the legislature between sessions.

Also retained by the legislature was Myrt Charney, former Deputy Commissioner of Administration under former

Governor Egan, and presently with the Department of Health and Social Services, who will be charged with day-to-day

administration of the legislature.

Bradner said the legislature presently has nine professional positions, mostly staff attorneys, and will be adding six research positions designed to allow the legislature to attack both short term and developing long range problems.

"A portion of that staff will be charged with beginning work on what will be issues and problems in 1977 and later," Bradner stated.

Bradner said a third phase of legislative professional staff reorganization will center on what may be a two-pronged internship program aimed at putting interns to work with professional research and legal staff, and aimed at putting interns still in university training to work in support of the legislative committees.

# **Barrow News**

FAIRBANKS-When I went to town I went over to Co-op Drug and order an coffee. While I was drinking coffee, a man about 30 years of age came over and asked me if he could accompany me.
Why not, I said to him. After he

sat down I asked him, now what your trouble. He said he only wanted to ask me if I ever outrun bears. Yes, I do outrun them in my younger days.

He said he is himself a runner, that he never outruns bears. I also tolded him that I'm not even runner like him. I tolded him everything I know how to explain. He won't believe me.

I even tolded him I have been drove them to a safe place. I tolded him that I'm not a runner like him but the bears are easy to outrun them

We argued for few minutes. Finally I gave a person's name and if he do find him tell him for more information.

### ICE YET ON SHORE

According to Mrs. Ruth M. Ipalook, who came in from Barrow yesterday from Barrow said that there is still lots of ice on shore. But she said the ice is moving outside and opens and barges went by early in the morning. They went around the Point which is ten miles off Barrow village.

According to her, she said these barges might go through but

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Mrs. Ruth M. Ipalook, an Eskimo, came down to see her mother who is in Fairbanks. Ruth has children living in Fairbanks, and is widow. Her husband Fred K. Ipalook was teacher all these years till he was retired.

And Fred, her husband, got sick and died leaving his wife Ruth and children. Ruth said she doesn't know when she will go back but she said she has a home and will go back soon, she doesn't know when

### RECOVERING

Mr. Pete Sovalik's boy had an accident last week, his Junior was playing with a 22 revolver and somehow the gun went off and the bullet went through side of his eye.

is now in Anchorage hospital. Rex went to see him and found him playing with the card.

Mr. Pete Sovalik said his son is recovering and probably won't be

## able to use the eye. NOT LIKE BEFORE

Heard today that the caribous that used to come out through the Pass never did show up yet. It's kind of late now and something holding them somewheres, they didn't know why.

Not only in Anaktuvuk Pass but also in Barter Island, Kaktovik. There's scarce there even. If the caribous don't show up like they used to, they have to know why.

**ALMOST LIKE US** 

We met two Spanish persons three days ago. They asked me how we Eskimos ate fish, any kind of fish. I tolded them everything, we ate them frozen even and like it along with misigak oil.

They said they too like to eat kind of raw fish but they never ate them while they froze. But if they go back they will try it.



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