

15 Recommendations By Employment Meet

At the conclusion of the Nome Employment Development Conference held on November 30 and December 1, the following recommendations were unanimously adopted.

The wording here presented will not necessarily be the same as those that will be on the final form.

1) An Ad Hoc EEO Committee be formed under the leadership of the Arctic Native Brotherhood, Department of Labor, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Alaska State Community Action Program to ascertain and pool knowledge and resources; that it act as the voice of the Natives of Northwest Alaska to exert pressure on the government, private employers, contractors, unions.

2) That the United States Department of Labor establish an area coordinator based in Alaska to report directly to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

3) That the State Department of Economic Development be requested to assist in the formation of an active regional economic development group working for improvement in Northwest Alaska.

4) That the Civil Service Commission and State Department of Personnel take immediate action to make job opportunities widely known through ASCAP workers, Grassroots workers, VISTA people, village councils, and any other means that can be developed that will eliminate the present inadequate and delayed delivery system now in existence.

5) That immediate action be taken by the State of Alaska in cooperation with the Reindeer Herders Association and the Arctic Native Brotherhood to facilitate the implementation of the reindeer industry including:

A. Obtaining federal inspection for meat processing, development of appropriate and proper facilities for such processing, and upgrading and improvement of airports to permit adequate transportation arrangements for the industry.

6) That assistance be provided by the State Labor Department and Bureau of Indian Affairs for notification by wire, radio, telephone, or any practical means to insure

speedy notification of village workers of job opportunities for which they may qualify.

7) That the Bureau of Indian Affairs and State Department of Labor should give particular emphasis to followup of training school graduates and endeavor to assist them in gaining employment.

8) Villagers who are seeking jobs must make themselves known to referring agencies and have for ready reference their specific abilities, work experience, willingness to move, and other pertinent facts that may help those wishing to assist them in locating gainful employment.

9) That organizations and associations of professions be informed of the nearly total absence of their participation in the active solicitation of native peoples to become eligible to join their ranks in the manner that they commonly apply to the rural areas in the other 49 states.

10) That the state legislature grant an appropriation enabling the State to review its methods of offering employment opportunities to natives and further, that it recommend changes to increase the current offerings.

11) That the NORTH Commission address itself to the entire spectrum of modern transportation, particularly that of water and air, and to other considerations of human and natural resources which directly pertain to transportation facilities in the Northwest region.

12) That the Public Health Service in Alaska seek to provide additional training and a reasonable compensation for village medical aides.

13) That the State of Alaska be requested to review the gear limitations imposed upon Norton Sound fishermen in relation to sound cost-profit procedures.

14) That the bear season in the reindeer herd areas be reviewed for reasonable and appropriate dates for hunting season.

15) That the Congress be asked to enact legislation authorizing payments of gold mining subsidy in Alaska or otherwise make such mining reasonably profitable in Alaska.