

# Walk for Hope

Walk for Hope, 1972 — to be held on the first Saturday in May, May 6, is stirring into action after the long Alaskan winter in some 20 communities throughout the State. Each will hold Walks or other activities to raise money on Alaska's Day of Hope.

The Walk for Hope is the fund raising body of Hope Cottage, Inc., a complex of homes in Anchorage for the care of mentally retarded and profoundly handicapped children and adults.

Residents of Hope Cottage come from all over Alaska, it is the only facility in Alaska that is providing treatment for non-ambulatory, mentally retarded children.

Due to the increasing knowledge in the fields of attempting to develop the maximum potential of the mentally retarded, the demands on available services are growing rapidly and the facilities of Hope Cottage, Inc. are needed more than ever.

Money raised from Walk for Hope activities will go to maintain and expand the various Hope Cottage programs begun with funds from the last 2 annual Walks.

The enthusiasm and hard work of Alaskan's from all over the State got these programs started, and it is the same wonderful spirit of cooperative endeavor that keeps the programs going and the facilities operating.

Besides Anchorage, the 1971 Walk for Hope was represented in the Alaskan communities of Cordova, Petersburg, Glennallen, Kenai, Soldotna, Seward, Willow, Talkeetna, Wasilla, Sutton, Palmer, Kodiak and Fairbanks, with Walks; as well as Gambell, Dillingham, Valdez and Barrow with other fund raising activities.

A truly Alaskan "happening" more than 12,000 Alaskans walked last year, supported by 3 to 4 thousand volunteer helpers and more than 100,000 sponsors.