



ANMC REFUTES IUD CHARGES

Chief of Native Affairs Denies Implantation of Birth Control Devices

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Jerry Ivey, Chief of Native Affairs for the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, refuted charges that IUD's (Intrauterine devices for birth control) have been implanted in native women without their knowledge or consent.

Ivey said it was "impossible that it could have happened. There are regular procedures for that sort of thing. Women are counseled, they see a social worker (who is an American Indian) and they go through a complete process before birth control devices are implanted."

Ivey said staff doctors at the Center were indignant at charges that medical experimentation had been conducted on native patients.

"The Public Health Service is one of the most conservative groups in this country," he added. "They are not inclined to be experimental. We have some very high calibre physicians on our staff and they come here because they want to work with native people."

"If there are problems and legitimate gripes," said Ivey, "let's bring them out."

But he emphasized that it is necessary to "ferret out facts from fantasy."

Irresponsible charges and sensational press coverage, said demoralizing to the staff at the hospital.

"My concern is that we're going to be losing some of our top career people here."

Ivey said that to his knowledge there was no such thing as an Alaska Native Medical Center Survivors Committee, and hospital officials are not meeting with such a committee.

"When the Violet Arrow death first happened, there was a great deal of emotion and there was a meeting, in fact, there were two meetings in the same day. Someone stuck that name on those meetings, and that's what hit the papers and flooded the news."

A concerned and responsible committee that is meeting with
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NATIVE PRINTING COMPANY ROOLS INTO ACTION — Jimmy Kaganak, Eskimo press operator from Scammon Bay, operates the night press for the brand new Eskimo, Indian, and

Aleut Printing, Co., Inc. First order of business is publication of the Alaskan Readers for bush schools. See story and more pictures on pages 6 and 7.
— Photo by KEITH NEILSON

Wake of Violet Arrow's Death-

Native Ad Hoc Group's Head Asks Proof of Complaints

By MARGIE BAUMAN

ANCHORAGE — The chairman of the Native Ad Hoc Health Committee said Monday

that Alaska Natives should come forth with details if they have complaints about medical treatment.

"People complain, they say it's bad and I know it is bad, but they have got to back up those complaints," said Mike Harper.

Harper, executive director of the RurAL CAP office at Anchorage, has directed members of the Ad Hoc committee to advise him on any complaints from natives in villages around the state about treatment from Indian Health Service.

The directive from Harper was the latest action in the case of Violet Arrow, an Eskimo woman from Shageluk, who

died April 5 at the Alaska Native Medical Center.

A coroner's jury in Anchorage claims negligence in diagnosis and negligence in providing care, for her death which came after she was shuffled back and forth between the hospital and the Social Development Center, a detoxification facility, four times within a 24 hour period. The jury also found that Ms. Arrow died of pneumonia.

Pathologist, Dr. Robert Hank, testified that pneumonia complicated by a blood clot on the lungs and a broken hip contributed to her death.

Since the coroner's inquiry,
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11:59 a.m. Wins For 58 at Nenana Ice Classic

By LEE UPTON

NENANA — For those 58 holders of tickets marked 11:59 a.m. A.S.T., May 4th 1973 was a very special day. This was the minute, hour, day and month the ice moved on the Tanana River and they were the lucky winners of the Nenana Ice Classic with this year's purse of \$110,000.

The watchman on duty at the time was Danny Ketzler who was born in Nenana and has seen 30 break-ups. When asked what was the most spectacular one over the years, Danny replied:

"When I was a kid back in 1937. The ice jammed that year. There used to be a wooden dock right where Yutana Barge Lines is now. The square timber pilings used to have rip-rap in between them. The ice lifted up the dock a foot or two and did quite a lot of damage."

Danny said that there was no definite indication when the ice was going this year.

"There was no water. The ice sort of rotted out, a piece at a time. There was nothing very spectacular."

He has worked in other jobs, such as being on the Round Table — the place where the manager checks off the numbers of sold as against the unsold
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WORK FOR THE BLIND — When help is needed for small tasks, the new Native printing company can call on Hope Industry for extra hands. Danny Albert of Northway although blind can assist in stapling brochures for mailing.

— Photo by KEITH NEILSON

Anaktuvuk Children-

Accidental Fire Burns Three Children

An accidental fire injured three children and two soldiers at Anaktuvuk Pass Wednesday night when a five gallon gas can ignited.

Five year old Richard Hugo was rushed to the Army Burn Center at Brooke Army Hospital, Ft. San Houston, Texas. A team of doctors have been contacted, and are treating the burned victim.

The two other children, who names were not available,

were treated at Tanana. The soldiers, Private Jacob Adams and Specialist 4 Ellis W. Fretwell of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 222d Aviation Battalion were reported in satisfactory condition at Bassett Army Hospital.

The accident occurred about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in a vacant mud hut at Anaktuvuk Pass. With temperatures hovering at 11 degrees, the two
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