

Village Post Offices-- Postal Service to Install Them

The U.S. Postal Service will build and install new post offices in ten Alaska communities this summer. The installation of these units follows ten facilities put in place during the summer of 1972.

Alaska District Manager Ivan W. Hanson said the project is the most extensive postal construction program in Alaska's history. New transportable modular facilities will be used to replace crowded and antiquated postal facilities throughout Alaska.

The new buildings will be installed in the communities of Old Harbor, Holy Cross, Willow, Klawock, Hydaburg, Teller, Mekoryuk, Selawik, Alakanuk, and Tununak.

Installation of the first units will begin about June 1st.

"Alaska's mail problems are many and urgent," Hanson said. "We are giving them our most

active attention. This new construction program represents an unprecedented improvement for the areas affected."

Each of the new post offices will be built in components designed to fit Alaska's environmental conditions. The buildings will be trucked or barged to the sites for permanent installation.

Specifications of the structures enable them to provide comfortable and safe interior environments during frigid weather as cold as 55 degrees below zero and sustained winds of 75 miles per hour, with gusts to 100 miles per hour. The buildings measure 18 by 46 feet and contain nearly 850 square feet of floor space. Substantial cost savings will result from volume purchases and the use of standard designs.

T-H Awarded Teach T-H Language-- \$50,000 Speakers of Tlingit-Haida Sought

JUNEAU - Governor William A. Egan said the Tlingit-Haida Central Council has been awarded a \$50,000 Economic Development Administration grant to help pay for an economic growth planning program in Southeastern Alaska.

Egan said the central council, based in Juneau, will add \$91,837 to the federal funds to complete the \$141,837 year's planning program.

NEH Grants UA

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a grant of \$24,000 to the University of Alaska for study of ethnic minorities, according to Senator Ted Stevens' office.

The recipients of the grant are Dr. K.M. Rae, vice-president for research, and Michael Krauss, director of the project.

Speakers of the Tlingit and Haida languages who are interested in teaching the languages to others will have an opportunity to study not only the techniques of teaching but the methods of research and development of new materials in the languages, during the third annual workshop to be held on the Sheldon Jackson College campus in June.

Under the direction of Mrs. Elaine Ramos, Vice-President for Institutional Development at Sheldon Jackson College, the program will target three learning levels: 1) preschool and lower elementary, 2) upper elementary and junior high and 3) high school and college.

In the last two sessions attention was devoted to development of the written Tlingit and written Haida languages and some early text materials have

been written.

This workshop will concentrate on developing literacy among those who need to learn how to read and/or write, and appreciation of the Tlingit and Haida language oral traditions and culture, including methods of explaining these to students.

The course, which begins June 4th, is open to native speakers of Tlingit and Haida language, those who understand one of the languages but does not speak it, non-speakers who are experienced in a foreign language, and teachers who want to help implement the program.

Permission of the instructor is required.

Helping to coordinate the program is Dr. Michael Kraus, Director of the Alaska Native Language Center at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

Others on the staff will include Jeff Lear, Nora Florendo and Richard Dauenhauer who have been active in the development of the languages and instructional materials.

Constance Naish, the Wycliffe Bible translator who helped develop the original written Tlingit, will also participate in the workshop

SBA Studies Consumer Law

The U.S. Small Business Administration is conducting three in-depth studies to determine the impact of consumer and environmental protection laws on the Nation's small business sector, Daniel B. Ward, Regional Director, Small Business Administration, announced.

Ward said that Small Business Administration will take a hard look at pressures on small business being created by the Occupational Health & Safety Act and Water and Air Pollution Acts.

"There may be serious financial problems in the offing for small business as a result of this legislation. If this is the case, we must come up with appropriate answers and solutions," Ward said.

The Regional Director stated that what everyone must understand is that a healthy small business sector is vital to this Nation's free enterprise system.

"Fifty per cent of our Nation's employment and 43 per cent of our gross national product comes from small business," Ward said.

AIA Nets Gain

ANCHORAGE - Alaska International Air, Inc. experienced an increase in operating revenues during the first quarter of this year, over the same period in 1972, according to AIA's recently released First Quarter Report for 1973.

For the same period, yields per hour increased 35 per cent, while operating costs rose only 11.5 per cent. Earnings for the first quarter amounted to \$269,818 or 21¢ per share as compared to a loss in 1972 of \$326,952 or 32¢ per share.

"The Alaskan Pipeline project is now before Congress and the eventual outcome remains uncertain. Because of these delays," says AIA president, Neil Bergt, "We are continuing to market and utilize a portion of our fleet outside the United States."

"Through these efforts," concludes Bergt in the report, "we have continued to remain profitable."

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