

# Teach T-H Language--

## *Speakers of Tlingit-Haida Sought*

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.