

ASNA Poses North's Needs To Legislature

The Arctic Slope Native Association feels that it has "the same right as other communities in Alaska to share in the distribution of the great wealth of the state for needed improvements" and it plans to make its position known to the state legislature.

At a board meeting Jan. 15 at Barrow, the association adopted a resolution urging the legislature to consider recommendations for several improvements and to provide the necessary funding for them.

The recommendations were aimed at statewide needs and the local needs of Barrow, Wainwright, Kaktovik (Barter Island), Pt. Hope, and Anaktuvuk Pass,—the villages comprising the asso-

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As one of the 12 recognized regional native associations in Alaska, the organization called for adequate money for the Rural Affairs Agency to pursue the Land Claims Legislation, upgrading of the Magistrate court, development and funding of a regional high school program, satellite communications in rural areas, support of the 2 per cent overriding royalty on mineral leases called for by the AFN, and adoption of a "no objection" position in the AFN's request for 40 million acres.

The Arctic Slope Native Association is a member association of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Some of the other recommendations were as follows:

Barrow—support and fund a Citizen's Advisory Juvenile Committee. Provide the means to finance an airport facility.

Wainwright—provide a new post office building. Urge the Alaska State Housing Authority to include Wainwright in the 1970 program for low-income housing.

Barter Island—Secure adequate electricity through the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative. Improve the water supply. Seek to include Barter Island in the 1970 program for low-income housing. Construct a community hall and a new post office building.

Anaktuvuk Pass—Urge AVEC to supply Anaktuvuk Pass with electricity. Seek to include the village in the 1970 program for low-income housing. Provide transportation for hauling wood for fuel or provide adequate fuel oil for the village "for partial consideration of utilizing their land for the "Hickel Highway."

Point Hope—Request will be submitted in the future.

The above includes only a major portion of the recommendations submitted to the Governor, the president of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Chairmen of the Senate and House Finance Committees and legislators from the Northwest District, Senator Robert R. Blodgett and Representative William Hensley.