

# Point Hope Planning to Open Outpatient Building at Kotzebue

The outpatients, or Point Hope travelers passing through Kotzebue, will have accommodations when RACAP furnishes the building Point Hope city council acquired from Public Health Service in 1964.

Daniel Lisbourne said he requested Rural Alaska Community Action Program board of directors at its Fort Yukon meeting recently that that agency furnish cots, tables and chairs for the building.

He said he was very pleased that RACAP officials agreed to the request.

Lisbourne said that Point Hope city council was never quite able to come up with the money to furnish the building themselves.

"We have our own projects in our village and we were never quite able to come up with extra money," Dan Lisbourne said.

Lisbourne said that Point Hope city council will install a telephone in the building so the outpatients, like pregnant women, can communicate with PHS native service hospital in Kotzebue.

The council will also foot the fuel bill. The building will be heated with oil heat and the kitchen facility will be fueled with propane.

"Point Hope people can stay there, buy their own food and cook it themselves," Lisbourne said. "The only thing we ask is that they keep it clean and in good order at all times. If they don't do that, we'll charge them rent."

He said that rules and regulations have already been posted in the building.

Dan Lisbourne said there was some objection to the location of the building by Point Hope people, especially mothers, al-

though the building is close to the hospital.

"Right now, it's near the hospital but the people and mothers are against it because if the city of Kotzebue decides to open, it would be right next to the bar," said Lisbourne.

He said Point Hope people would like to have the building moved to Point Hopeville, a section of the town where Point Hoppers have settled.

The building will have a sign reading, CITY OF POINT HOPE, so the Point Hoppers can see it.

"After we set it up, we'll turn it over to the Point Hope Mothers Club and the women members will run the operation of the building. Point Hope city council will be responsible for its maintenance and repair," Lisbourne said.

Dan Lisbourne is mayor of Point Hope.

He said that prior to going to the hospital, the outpatients will make arrangements with the Kotzebue city clerk.

Dan Lisbourne is the RACAP's Northwest Target Area Representative, who, along with his counterparts in other areas, serves in that capacity without pay.