



# RurAL-CAP ACTION REPORTS



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## BIA PROCESSES 4,000 NATIVE ALLOTMENTS

*Hard at Work for Fall Classes—*

### Head Start Field Staff

During the summer, the RurAL CAP Head Start field staff has been hard at work in preparation for the opening of classes in 38 village centers this fall.

As a part of the summer Leadership Development Training Program in Anchorage, the Head Start Field Training Supervisors have participated in an extensive course in Head Start management and program operations.

The six students—Virginia Demmert of Anagoon, Freda Russell of Bethel, Martina Gallineaux and Ray Gabriel of Kotzebue, and Ray Coppock and John O'Hara of Anchorage—worked for eight weeks with RurAL CAP Trainer, George Irvin, and received for hours of college credit for the course through Alaska Methodist University.

The training course emphasized the following areas of Head Start programming: Head Start history, management processes (grant planning, fiscal administration, personnel, property, etc.), medical and dental services, parent involvement, policy issues in village programs and techniques of field monitoring and technical assistance.

RurAL CAP's Head Start staff has now produced an in-depth analysis of region program problems in the field and recommended solutions thereto, a training program for village PACs in parent participation, and an evaluation format for village monitoring and technical assistance, based upon minimum performance standards for rural Alaska.

Peggy Sherman, the new RurAL CAP Child Development Director, and Carol Brice, Medical Director of the Greater Fairbanks Head Start Association, contributed a great deal of their time and energy to the program.

Considerable assistance and cooperation were also rendered

by the Director of the summer Leadership Development Program, Mrs. Paula Terrel, and her staff. It is estimated that staff and outside consultants worked a total of more than 65 man/days on the program during June, July and August.

The culmination of training

will come in a week-long Head Start staff meeting, to be held in Anagoon, September 6–11.

The agenda includes discussion and decisions on policy issues, evaluation standards and a "trial run" of the medical and parent training programs with the people of Anagoon.

### CAP's New Planning Developer Is Harper

RurAL CAP's new Planning Developer is Mike Harper. Mike, who is originally from Fairbanks, attended Lathrop High School and also the University of Alaska.

He graduated in 1968 from the University of Georgia where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

He has worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Phoenix, Arizona as a realty specialist and prior to joining the RurAL CAP staff, served three years in the Army.

### CAP Hires Noble Dick as Comptroller

Noble Dick was recently hired as Controller for the Rural Alaska Community Action Program. Prior to arriving in Alaska, Dick was employed as a financial analyst for RCA in Los Angeles, California.

He has attended both the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and the University of Pennsylvania where he received a Master of Business Administration degree.

### RurAL CAP, Alaska Legal Services Spearhead Land Parcel Drive

Since July 1, 1970, some 4,000 Native allotment applications have been sent to BIA realty offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

This drive spearheaded by RurAL CAP, Alaska Legal Services and the Bureau of Indian Affairs with the specific endorsement from the Alaska Federation of Natives, attempts to obtain as many applications as possible in anticipation of the nullification of the Native Allotment Act of 1906 by the present land claims bill in the U.S. Congress.

An additional 200 applications from the Tongass National Forest will be sent to Juneau BIA realty by Southeast Alaska Community Action Program (SEACAP), according to Gordon Jackson, SEACAP's Executive Director, in an attempt to change BLM's policy of not processing Native allotment applications in National Forest lands.

The Native Allotment Act, essentially for any Indian, Eskimo or Aleut, has been relatively unknown since its enactment in 1906. The Native must prove "a yearly traditional Native use which started prior to the land freeze of December, 1968.

This use could include fishing, hunting, trapping or berry picking. In addition to the above stipulations, the Native must be a head of a household or 21 years of age.

Titles to these tracts of land applied for by the Natives, after cleared through BIA realty and BLM, will not be granted until after lift of the land freeze in Alaska.

Native allotment applications and maps can be obtained from any of the nine RurAL CAP

offices in Bethel, Dillingham, Copper Center, Nome, Kotzebue, Galena, Kodiak, Juneau and Fort Yukon; any BIA agency in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Nome and Bethel; and also at any of the Alaska Legal Services offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Sitka, Juneau, Ketchikan, Bethel and Nome.

Along with the application, the location of the tract of land should be included; an easy method of doing this would be to trace the location on an index topographic map and darken the tract of land applied for on an onion-skin paper.

It is important for the marking and posting of all land allotments applied for to be done now, if not done already, while the weather is still good.

The Native Allotment Act of 1906 is completely different from the pending land claims legislation in the U.S. Congress—many have been confused on the relationship between the two.

The only relationship between the two is that a land claims bill will probably revoke the Native Allotment Act since all other proposed land claims bill is aboriginal claims on Alaskan lands by the Natives as a group.

With a limited staff, the tremendous number of Native applications coming into the Anchorage BIA realty office has caused a substantial backlog. Legal Services, RurAL CAP and AFN recognizes the BIA's limited budget and lack of adequate staff to handle the backlog of applications.

In spite of this handicap, the BIA realty office in Anchorage has managed to process 617 applications since July 1, 1970.