

Juneau quiet after 'ANB' Kids leave

During the Southeast Alaska Music Festival, a lot of Kids were wandering in and out of the Juneau ANB Hall. The Festival was last month with bands and chorus groups from Southeast.

One evening the "ANB Kids," as they prefer to be called, performed for their hosts -- Juneau Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood. The "ANB Kids", 71 in all plus the band master and choir director, were students from Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

"A frantic call was received that the Mt. Edgecumbe students could not be housed in the Capital City," said an Official from the Juneau Camp of the Alaska Native Brotherhood.

"It was cold, raining and blowing," the ANB said. The ANB swung into action. The Mt. Edgecumbe Band and Chorus were directed to the ANB. All tables were removed, chairs put away, and all hall use engagements were cancelled for the entire week except bingo.

"The first night our Kids arrived at 2:30 a.m." The ANB was not ready, so the "Kids" slept on the floor.

"A rescue call was placed for the Cavalry" (Alaska Army National Guard) the ANB official said, the Guard responded. 30 folding cots were loaned to the ANB. In the meanwhile, the ANS swung into action with plans to feed the "Kids", at Camp 2 expense.

Without notice, the ANS began dinner preparations and, "by Wednesday, all 32 cots were taken, as we inherited more of our Kids" there were still more on the floor. Over 70 came in to stay. The ANB & ANS stepped up to meet this unforeseen circumstance. Another call to the Cavalry, who agreed to allow use of its shower facilities.

Pastry and doughnuts, juices and milk met the ANB Kids every morning. Irons, and TV were brought in.

An organization which scheduled the use of the ANB Hall months before angrily protested. "Our Kids take precedence", was the camps response.

A substantial Sunday dinner was prepared, when all restaur-

ants in Juneau are closed.

The Mt. Edgecumbe Band master advances a gesture of appreciation: a special concert for the ANB & ANS. Dinner was scheduled on Monday at the Tlingit & Haida Community Center in conjunction with a farewell performance with Sit

ya Dancers.

The Mt. Edgecumbe Band and Chorus received a standing ovation. At 3:00 the following morning, the ANB Kids left the hall.

"It's too quiet in our Hall", one of the custodians said, "I sure miss our Kids."