

Focus: Rural Communities—**T-H Organizes Regional Health Corp.**

The Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska have organized the regional health corporation to service twenty southeastern communities. This announcement was made last week by Central Council President Clarence Jackson of Kake who said the official name will be the Tlingit and Haida Regional Health Corporation.

Jackson also reported that the Alaska Federation of Natives, Health Affairs Division has awarded a grant of \$154,500 to finance the first years operation. Headquarters for the new

corporation will be in Juneau with a full time staff. The health corporation is one that will devote its resources to improvement of health services, planning and the delivery of health care and medical attendance, Jackson stated.

He said the corporation would focus on the rural communities in particular. Each community will elect a representative to the T-H

Regional Health Council which would meet twice annually. The council at its first annual meeting will elect a 9 member board of directors to direct the business activities of the new corporation.

The board will meet four times a year. Additionally the regional health council will serve as advisors to the Mount Edgecumbe Service unit, Indian Health Service.

"I anticipate that the health corporation will become involved in several health program contracts," Jackson added. "Although at this time that will be the responsibility of the board of directors to decide. I am quite pleased to report this," the president concluded, "as quality health and coordination of all health activity in the southeast is vital to improved health service."

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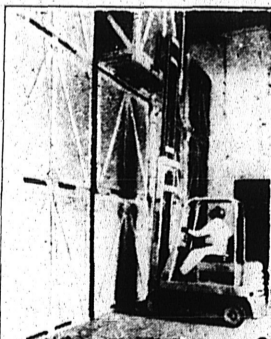
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