

# Mary Hale Elected NAAAA Vice President

Mary Hale, Chairman of the Alaska State Council on the Arts, was elected Second Vice President of the North American Assembly of Arts Agencies during the annual conference which was held last week in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Hale was also invited to visit and speak to the Provincial Arts Council of Saskatchewan in August of this year.

This is a singular honor for Alaska because the constituent membership of the Assembly comprises all 50 of the American states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, four Canadian provinces and Mexico.

Mrs. Hale was elected to the Executive Committee of the International organization when it was formed in 1968.

The North American Assembly of State and Provincial Arts Agencies is a voluntary association of governmentally established state and provincial arts agencies whose purpose is to provide a forum for the discussion of mutual programs to seek improvement of communications between state and provincial arts agencies and their respective governments, both at the national and local levels.

Early in February, Mary Hale was one of nine arts council chairmen selected from fifty-three to testify at the Congressional hearings on extension and authorization of a National Foundation for the Arts and Humanities.

Mrs. Hale has served as Chairman of the Alaska State Council on the Arts since 1967.

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Since 1949, she has served the arts in Alaska as a teacher of choral music, as director for seven years of the Anchorage Community Chorus, as founder and executive director of the Alaska Festival of Music for seven years; she organized the fine arts program of the Anchorage Woman's Club, founded the South Center High School Music Festival, and is a charter member of the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

Mary is the wife of Dr. George E. Hale and the mother of three children.