

CPB Grant to Enable Ludwig To Film Natives

KUAC-FM, the University of Alaska radio station, has been awarded one of 23 grants announced by the Corporation for Public Broadcast.

The grant, not to exceed \$5,000 will be used to produce a 13-program series, "Alaska's Native People: A Crossroad in Time." These programs will be prepared for state-wide, as well as national distribution.

The series will be produced by Jim Ludwig, KUAC's Program Director, and will attempt to document important issues facing Alaskan natives today, as well as capture the sounds of native village life and a culture in transition between the old and the new way.

In making the announcement CPB pointed out that a total of 65 stations submitted 99 proposals in this first CPB recipients were selected. Grants total \$100,670.

Under terms of the grant, stations are required to make programs or series with regional or national audience interest available to National Educational Radio for possible distribution via tape.

The series to be produced by KUAC will be researched and planned so as to include the various native groups (Eskimo, Indian and Aleut) that geographically represent Alaska.

In scope, it will cover everything from legend to the future for Alaska's natives.

"At this particular time," reasons Ludwig, "when the 'eyes' of the 'lower 48' are already on Alaska because of the North Slope oil discovery, proposed settlement of the Native Land Claims, and the national interest generated by the recent visit of U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy and members of the Indian Education Subcommittee, I think our proposed radio series is very timely as well as socially significant. If realized, it can provide listeners with a more meaningful and informative insight into Alaska's native people."