#### Yakutat Sees Success—

# **Viable Social Service**

The City of Yakutat is in the second year of a fast grow-ing and viable social service pro-

"What was formerly a de-pressing spiral of welfare is giv-ing way to a system of infec-tious vitality and hope", Jerry Nelson, Mayor of the South-eastern Tlingit community re-cently announced.

Two years ago the village convinced the Bureau of Indian Affairs that welfare assistance could be more fairly allotted to recipients if it were con-trolled at the local level rather than by mail out of Juneau or infrequent visits from Bureau

In addition, the City would require welfare recipients to work for the money they received, thus developing work habits, training of the individual in maintenance, carpentry, plumbing, wiring, and raising community standards as well as

their own dignity.

As a result, the village is taking on a new look with the completion of a city hall, ma-jor repairs on substandard

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homes, and road improvement through the use of welfare la-bor combined with other pro-

The first year's experiment was so successful that the Bu-reau agreed to expand the contractual agreement to include broad social services carried out at the local level.

While the City welcomes its physical improvements", Nelson stated "we are especially pleased with the results of attempts to deal with social pro-

He cited the effective work of Mrs. Cornelia Howard, the social service aide, who combines continuous training with her work and is thus able to assist residents in obtaining services from such agencies as mental health clinics, vocational re-habilitation, Veteran's and So-cial Security Administration State Welfare Program, and em-

ployment services.

The program has further resulted in an Alcoholics Anonymous program, professional sex education in the school and community, and provisions for mental health testing of chil-

Nelson credits the BIA for its foresight in encouraging local control and while recognizing that individual village capacities differ, he feels that the thrust must always be toward local involvement and self determin-

# Egan Protests Russian **Crab Pot Intrusions**

JUNEAU-Governor William A. Egan lodged his second protest this month against intrusions by Russian trawlers into an area north and west of Unimak Island which is a crab pot "sanctuary" under a U.S.—Soviet fisheries agreement.

In a telegram to Ambassador Donald McKernan in the U.S. State Department, Egan said the situation "is becoming critical."

The governor said Coast Guard Reseale and only warm Russian

vessels can only warn Russian vessels since the area involved is outside the 12-mile limit.

"It is incumbent on State Department and Soviet authorities to enforce the sanctuary agreement," Egan told McKern-an. "I urgently request this be

The latest intrusions, by two Soviet trawlers, were reported over the weekend. Robert Thorstenson, of Petersburg, reported his vessel "Viking King" lost stenson, of Petersburg, reported his vessel "Viking King" lost 15 to 20 pots, after losing 18 to Russian trawlers earlier this month, and as a result will have to end its crab fishing in the area two months early.

Egan said these kinds of losses are "highly costly to Alaska fishermen."

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"I strongly urge once again that utmost effort be given to halting these violations of U.S.-Soviet agreement, as the situa-tion is becoming critical," Egan told McKernan.

Gakona; Helen R. Sims, 27, at

odell, 54, at Palmer; William E. Odell, 54, at Pelican; Rose M. Jenne, 34, at Platinum; Theodore E. Frankson, 44, at Point

Hope; Esther L. Bremmer, 39, at

Holy Cross; Glen R. Mack at King Cove; Genevieve M. Mof-

The governor lodged a similar

protest with the State Depart-ment on March 4 after nine Russian trawlers were sighted in the sanctuary area.

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