



WALRUS BASKING—Huge tuskered mammals of northern Alaska like to come out of the Bering Sea, Chukchi Sea and the Arctic Ocean when the sun soars high in the sky and bask in the sun. Such a scene is captured by the Eskimo

artist Ralph Kowchee, formerly of the village of White Mountain now of McGrath. Walrus use their tusks for defense and to dig clams with. Clam is the main entree for the huge animal. —Photo By MADELYN SHULMAN



BARTLETT STATUE—Senator Mike Gravel (D-Alaska) has made available this photograph of the statue of the late Senator E.L. (Bob) Bartlett which will be unveiled at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., April 27. The statue will be on display in the Rotunda of the nation's Capitol. With the statue is its creator, the noted sculptor Felix de Weldon. The unveiling ceremony will be attended by many of the nation's leaders and many Alaskans. Senator Gravel said "the statue is a great tribute to a great Alaskan."

## YKHC, PHS to Train Health Aides

Members of the 23 member board of the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation met last week in Bethel to revise the by laws of the village corporation and consider various programs to improve health conditions in their area.

Among the proposals proposed and approved by the board is a program for CHAP Health Aide Training.

According to the program planned for the coming year by YKHC and Public Health Service staff, 60 health aides will be trained during 1971-72, 30 as advanced health aides and 30 less highly trained.

After completing the 9 month training program, aides will probably be certified by Anchorage Community College.

The first class of advanced health aides is due to graduate on April 30 of this year.

The staff of the program for next year includes Dr. Nice of New Hampshire who was hired at this meeting, Dr. Robert Wainwright, Richard Blackwell and Pat Sarge who will replace Maureen Kelly who leaves at the end

of May.

The summer teaching program begins soon and villagers of Kotlik, Alakanuk, Kasigluk, Eek, Kwigillinok, Akiak and Mekoryuk will meet the staff members in their villages this summer.

Changes in the by-laws of YKHC voted at the April meeting include provision that 3/5 of the seats of the Board shall be filled by persons permanently living in villages (other than Bethel) in the AVCP area.

A director may not vote unless he lives or works in the AVCP area. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the corporation and two others.

Other YKHC projects and their stage of completion are as follows:

—CHR's. Three of these non-professional trained local people whose job is to conduct health education and act as "go between" between patient and provider are already at work. They are Elvina Moses, Frank Fox and Catherine Dick.

—Eye Care Assistant. Wilson

Manutoli of Tuntutuliak will enter training on May 1, 1971 as eye care assistant. Upon completing training he will conduct refractions (testing of eyes) and fit eyeglasses in the Bethel Service Unit.

—Prematernal Home. The YKHC will continue its support, along with the City, PHS and others, of this facility as needed. Numerous improvements have been made in the building during the past year with YKHC funds.

—Village Clinics. With the help of Mr. John Guinn they plan to build 10 more village clinics next year for a total of 23 new or renovated clinics by fall 1972.

—Community Liaison. YKHC, through its now three liaison officers, hopes to reach every village in the AVCP area next year to explain its programs.

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation is an organization made up of the citizens of the area and invites comments from village residents of the area on village health problems. Any problems should be addressed to YKHC, Box 536, Bethel, Alaska 99559.

## Temporary Help

JUNEAU—Qualified Alaskans are needed as temporary protection assistants, a Department of Fish and Game official announced today.

C.A. Weberg, director of the protection division, said that applicants must be high school graduates or the equivalent, mature, in sound physical condition and residents of the State.

"Protection assistants work as stake-outs and small boat operators," Weberg explained. "They help with protection programs throughout the state."

"The salary will not be less than \$621.00 per month and it will be commensurate with the candidate's experience and education. Room and board allowance will be provided for those employees who are stationed away from home and are not receiving state mess."

"All applicants must contact an Alaska Manpower Center Office for a referral card," Weberg said. "Only then can Manpower arrange a personal interview."

Applications for the position of protection assistant or boat officer may be obtained at any State Manpower Center Office or from any Fish and Game Department office.

## Alaska Has Highest TB Active Cases in States

The Alaska Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association has received a report from the Tuberculosis Branch of the Public Health Service which stated that in 1970 Alaska has again gained the distinction of having the highest new active TB case rate among the 50 states.

### Tlingit-Haida Gets Grant

A \$54,965 grant to help finance a study by the Tlingit-Haida Central Council has been announced by U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens.

The Economic Development Agency grant will help the T-H Central Council finance a \$ 4 million study of a program of social and economic development EDA said.

Total cost of the study is \$176,084. The T-H Central Council is putting up \$121,119 of the cost.

Alaska dropped to the number four spot in 1969 only to have an increase in new TB cases during 1970. Hawaii and Alabama are in second and third rank.

Alaska has made tremendous progress against the disease since the advent of anti-TB drugs, especially isoniazid (INH). The Association's Medical Advisory Committee has encouraged all Alaskans to have a tuberculin test to determine whether a person has ever been infected with TB germs.

If the test is positive, infected persons are urged to take INH pills as a chemoprophylaxis to prevent actual clinical disease. Dr. Francis J. Phillips, a TB specialist, is the chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee.

"Since an estimated 60,000 Alaskans are infected with TB germs, it is important to establish the tuberculin status of every person", said Dr. Phillips.

## BIA Commissioner Appoints Tony Lincoln

PHOENIX, ARIZ., April 15—Commissioner of Indian Affairs Louis R. Bruce announced here today the appointment of Anthony P. Lincoln, a Navajo Indian, as the Bureau of Indian Affairs' area director for the Navajo area, the bureau's largest field office operation.

In his new assignment, Lincoln becomes the first Navajo to serve as Navajo Area Director. He will oversee administration of all the

BIA programs and services for the 26,000 square mile reservation serving more than 150,000 Navajos from the area office in Window Rock, Ariz.

The announcement of Lincoln's appointment was made at a meeting of the 11 BIA area directors, agency superintendents and members of the BIA Washington executive staff underway in Phoenix.

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