

3 Village Natives VISTA Instructors

Three village natives for the first time were employed by the VISTA instruction system when University of Oregon hired Sadie David, Kongiganak; Morris Kiyetelluk, Shismaref; Edith Kernak and Mary (Dee) Stickman, Nulato, as VISTA instructors.

Sadie, Morris and Dee were VISTA Volunteer Associates last year from October 1, 1968 to May 31, 1969.

"Because they were excellent volunteers they were employed this summer by the university as VISTA instructors for the volunteers selected for Alaska," said Joli Morgan, VISTA supervisor for Alaska.

Morgan said that Sadie David and Dee Stickman have volunteered for a second year in the VISTA Associate Program.

Governor Sends Health Experts to Oil Leak Site

JUNEAU—Governor Keith H. Miller last week dispatched representatives of his Administration to Prudhoe Bay for a first-hand look at the fuel spill that occurred there Thursday.

Miller said he was sending an environmental health expert from the Department of Health and Welfare and a representative of the Department of Fish and Game to survey the spill and investigate possible damages.

"We are vitally concerned about possible environmental damage and the safety of the men

working in the area," the Governor said. "State experts have to get a first-hand look at the spill to determine its possible effects."

The spill occurred Thursday when one of the big "fuel bladders" burst, dumping an undetermined amount of JP-5 fuel into the Bay.

Miller said the fire prevention section of the Department of Public Safety has been alerted to the situation and is represented on the North Slope by a State Trooper stationed in Barrow.

ACS Workers to Be Employed

JUNEAU—Governor Keith H. Miller said he had been assured by top level Air Force officials that all employees of the Alaska Communication System in Anchorage and Fairbanks would be given the opportunity for future Federal employment after RCA Global Communications, Inc., takes over ACS.

Governor Miller said he looked into the situation after ACS employees in Fairbanks told him that the men and women who work at ACS stations in Fairbanks and Anchorage would not receive job placement assistance because the two stations were not being treated as base closures during the take-over.

"That has been changed," the Governor said today after talking to ACS officials in Seattle. He said officials in Seattle had assured him that all ACS employees in the State would receive equal treatment.

Earlier, the Air Force had indicated that the stations in Anchorage and Fairbanks were to be phased out under the provisions of a reduction-in-force

action. All other stations in the State were to be treated as base closures.

Because of a difference in regulations governing reduction-in-force actions and base closures, the Governor said, this meant that ACS employees in the two largest cities would not be receiving maximum benefits under Civil Service regulations.

Upon getting assurances that all ACS employees would receive equal treatment, Governor Miller sent telegrams to employees in Anchorage and Fairbanks telling them of the action.

River Drainage Spear Fishing To Be Allowed

Beginning October 1 sportmen in the Tanana River drainage will have the opportunity to spear whitefish.

This is the first time the sport has been legal in this area said George Van Wyhe, Interior Region Sport Fish Supervisor, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The season will extend from October 1 through March 31 on all tributaries of the Tanana River above the Kantishna River. No size or bag limits will be imposed nor are there any restrictions on spear size or artificial lights, said Van Wyhe.

All species of whitefish, with the exception of sheefish can be speared by persons having a current sport fishing license; however, the taking of grayling by any means other than hook and line will remain illegal, said Van Wyhe.

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