

# RurAl-CAP

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#### Fishermen Aid Asked For B. Bay

John Shively, Executive Director of Rural Alaska Community Action Program, sent telegrams to both President Richard M. Nixon and Alaska's Governor William A. Egan, urging that immediate action be taken to aid fishermen in the Bristol Bay area.

The director told President Nixon of the repeated violations of international treaties by the Japanese and asked that he discuss this matter with Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka in the meeting scheduled for August 31 and September 1 in Hawaii.

It is particularly relevant at this time, Mr. Shively stated, because of the disastrous fishing season being experienced in the Bristol Bay region.

Thus far, our government has done little but slap the hands of those who have violated the treaties, he said.

When the director returned from that area in July, he described conditions to the governor and asked that a serious look be given to the Fish and Game department program.

He said that fishermen are bitter and frustrated that they must sit on the beach in order that escapement take place and then see no return in later years from the fisheries management program.

Mr. Shively suggested hearings be held in the Bristol Bay region as soon as possible to receive proposals from local fishermen for the betterment of their fishing resources.

He commented that these people face a bleak winter unless immediate action is taken and said that RurAl CAP would be glad to cooperate in any effort the state might undertake.



TRAINING SESSION — The Hoonah PCC staff receives instruction. In background, cook and aide; seated, far left, Barbara Mahler, Director of the Child Development Laboratory, Chico State University, California, who gave the training. Also, PCC staff members, and Neighborhood Youth Corps workers with backs to camera.

#### Assessment of Parent- Child Center in Hoonah

An assessment of the Parent-Child Center in Hoonah was made recently by Mrs. Barbara Mahler, Director of the Child Development Laboratory, Chico State University in California.

Miss Peggy Sherman, Director of Child Development for RurAl CAP, accompanied Mrs. Mahler on the visit in mid-July.

The PCC is now housed in the new Hoonah Community Center which was built by villagers and completed this last year.

The Center, which has been in operation since early 1969, offers care and activity for children from infancy to four years of age.

Aimed specifically at families with working parents, it is open

for 9-1/2 hours a day, five days a week.

Activities for the children include playing on swings and slides; singing, dancing and playing rhythm band instruments.

Also, learning words through card pictures, Tlingit language, numbers and colors, among other things such as playing with blocks, etc.

Mrs. Mahler commented that she was much impressed with the quality of the program and smoothness of operation by the staff, as well as the scope of activities.

Kotzebue also has a Parent-Child Center, operated by RurAl CAP under its statewide Head Start program for the rural areas.

#### Communication Between Bush and Offices Sought

At a recent meeting in Anchorage, directors from regional development corporations voted to form an organization aimed at fostering communication between their offices; advising regional training needs; evaluating and suggesting statewide RurAl CAP priorities; and advocacy. They will also support and work on legislation to eliminate or alleviate problems in rural Alaska.

RurAl CAP funds ten regional development corporations in the state, with the director of each being hired by their own board of directors.

Officers elected were, as President, Gordon Jackson from the Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program (SEA-CAP); Vice President, Donald Peter, Upper Yukon Development Corporation, Fort Yukon; and as Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Schaeffer, Kikaktugruk Area Community Development Corporation, Kotzebue.

The meeting was held during the week of July 31, during

which time the directors organized their association and heard speakers from Action and the State Economic Opportunity Office, among others.

Items discussed included housing and also, the relationship between the RurAl CAP regions, state regional government and regional Native corporations.

Jackson commented that the communication and coordination were essential between the regional corporations.

He also said that their association could very probably be of assistance to agencies desiring to hire Natives, particularly in a supervisory capacity.



LUNCH FOR LITTLE ONES — Observing at far right, center, is Ruth James, Director of the Hoonah PCC, as her staff helps the children at snack time.

### Applications for Naval Reserve Officers Now Being Accepted

Applications for the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Navy-Marine Scholarship Program are now being accepted.

The program is open to both male and female, and offers financial aid for four years in college. The Navy pays tuition and education fees, books, uniforms and \$100 per month spending money.

The purpose of the program is to provide civilian-educated officers to serve the American people in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Upon successfully completing baccalaureate degree requirements and completing summer training periods, students are commissioned officers in the regular Navy or Marine Corps.

Applications for the program will be considered, based on scores contained on either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

of the College Entrance Examination Board, or the American College Test (ACT) of the American College Testing Program.

Applicants for the 1973 NROTC Navy-Marine Scholarship Program must: Apply for and take either the SAT or ACT Test at their own expense prior to November 30, 1972.

Arrange with the appropriate testing agency for the submission of their scores to the NROTC Navy-Marine Scholarship Program, Princeton, N.J., and apply for the program before November 1, 1972.

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