

## Mauneluk to operate OTZ home

Gov. Jay Hammond has announced an agreement for the operation of the Kotzebue Pioneer's Home between the state and Mauneluk. Mauneluk is a private, non-profit corporation operating in the NANA region.

Hammond said the 20-bed Kotzebue home was constructed at a cost of \$2,290,000, and is scheduled to open July 1, 1976. The governor said it would cost the state \$41,700 per bed to operate the home each year.

This compares to an average of about \$14,100 per bed in

the other Pioneer Homes in the state. The figures exclude Alaska State Housing Authority rent and debt service.

Hammond said, "Because of this disparity, Mauneluk Association was asked to develop its own proposal for operating the facility. I am pleased to learn their proposal would reduce the cost of operation from an estimated \$834,500 if the state ran it, to \$492,100.

"In addition, Mauneluk proposes to operate the home with 19 positions rather than the 33

state positions which had been estimated. This is an example of local people and local organizations with maximum flexibility coming up with practical solutions to local situations.

"I am very pleased with the results, and I think Sen. Frank Ferguson, NANA and Mauneluk are to be congratulated for their resourcefulness and willingness to be problem solvers."

A contract between the state and Mauneluk will be signed providing legislative funding for the home is approved.

## To have third meeting—

## Alaska anthropologists

A series of films and papers dealing with the various aspects of Alaskan anthropology will highlight the third annual meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association Friday, March 26, and Saturday, March 27.

The conference, to take place at the Westward Hotel, will include a number of symposia and individual papers contributed by Alaskan and Canadian anthropologists and others with interests related to northern anthropology.

Featured will be Dr. James VanStone, curator of North American archaeology and ethnology at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. Dr. VanStone is a distinguished scholar who has done field work in Alaska and written books on Alaskan anthropology and archaeology. He will speak on "Ethnohistorical Research in Alaska: Some Needs and Accomplishments" at a noon luncheon session Friday.

Appealing to the general public as well as anthropologists,

the two-day event will feature a session examining the effects of the land claims and trans-Alaskan pipeline on the lives and lifestyle of Alaskan Natives.

Also to be discussed will be the latest information from pipeline archaeological surveys being conducted by the University of Alaska and Alaska Methodist University. Other sessions will cover the Southeastern Alaskan Indians and the use of archaeology in aiding Native land selections.

This year's meeting has been arranged by the faculty and students of both the University of Alaska, Anchorage and AMU.

The public is invited to join the association whose members receive a newsletter on current events in Alaskan anthropology and archaeology. Additional information on the annual event or the group may be obtained by contacting David Yesner, UAA anthropology instructor, at 279-6622, ext. 551.

## Dept. of education calls meet

The Alaska Department of Education announces the upcoming public meeting of the Special Education Advisory Council on April 1 and 2 at 10 a.m. on the Fifth Floor of the State Office Building in Juneau.

The April 1 agenda will include the introduction of new members, clarification of the indirectly service formula, and discussion of proposed by-laws, program needs of visually impaired students, and potential guidelines for pre-school handicapped children. New officers will be elected on the morning of April 2.

The Special Education Advisory Council was created by law to provide information and guidance to the Commissioners of Education and Health & Social Services for the development of programs and services for disabled, handicapped, gifted or otherwise exceptional children in Alaska.

The council meets quarterly during the school year and is composed of 15 members appointed jointly by both commissioners. A minimum of four parents of exceptional children are included on the council at any time.

The public is invited. If more information or a specific time schedule is desired, please call 465-2904.

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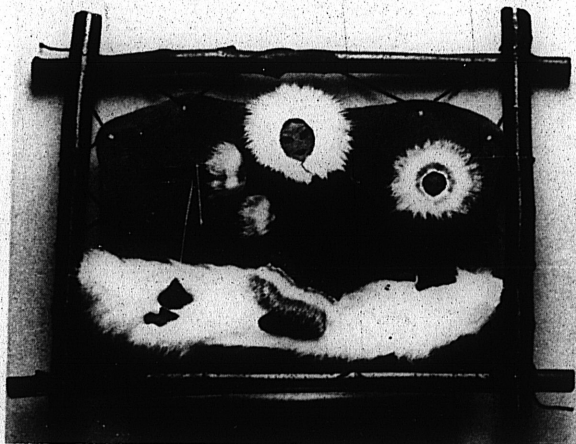
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You are invited to attend the AFN Youth Conference to be held April 8 and 9 at the Anchorage Westward Hotel.

The theme will be, "What is Native Education?" Lectures, movies, workshops, displays and a panel discussion are special features.

Youth Council members from each Native region will also be elected. Please plan to attend. For further information, contact:

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