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DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS HOLD MEET

From June Through August—

Head Start Staffs to Train

From June 1 through August 10, Head Start staffs from Anchorage, Fairbanks, and 38 rural villages will be participating in an inservice training program at Al-

aska Methodist University and Anchorage Community College in Anchorage.

All new Head Start staff members will be involved in a nutri-

tion or teaching workshop which will carry college credit, and all experienced staffs are enrolled in college courses directly related to their field.

This is the second year for such a program and the first where all the training is controlled in Anchorage.

Between June 1 and August 10, there will be 140 staff members enrolled with teacher directors and at least one teacher-aide from each village coming in.

Of this number 60 persons are already in classes. All newly hired cooks from the 38 villages and those who have never received training will be in Anchorage and working closely as a team with the teachers from the villages.

About 90 teachers and cooks are experienced and had accredited college courses last year; for the 50 new people, this is their first experience with accredited college courses.

The summer training will be followed up this fall and winter by approximately six regional workshops and three urban workshops.

RurAL CAP to Receive 9 VISTA Volunteers

Dennis Wilt, Program Officer for the VISTA program in Alaska, announced that RurAL CAP will be receiving nine volunteers about June 22.

They will be trained in plan-

ning and will be stationed in the nine regional areas of RurAL CAP.

The regional corporations will have sole responsibility for the direction of these volunteers.

Land Rights, Housing, Communication, Human Relations Are Subjects

A training session was held June 7-11 in Anchorage by the development corporations.

Topics on the agenda included: Native Land Rights, housing, communication and human relations, corporate management, Head Start, village equipment, and the VISTA program.

Representatives from the Alaska Federation of Natives, VISTA, Local Affairs Agency and the Federal Field Committee addressed the group during the orientation.

This was the first training session organized completely by RurAL CAP personnel.

Previous training has been done by agencies other than RurAL CAP, but because the RurAL CAP State Board of Directors found their systems unsatisfactory, the Office of Economic Opportunity has allowed the agency to do their own training as an experiment.

Those attending the training session were: Raphael Murran, Director of the AVCP CAP in Bethel, and the Area Community Developer, Wilson Berline; Acting Director Linda Backford from the Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation in Dillingham, and Area Community Developer Ted Angasan; Paul Davis, Director of the Copper Valley-Tanana Regional Development Corporation in Copper Center, and Area Community Developer Judy Marshall.

Also in attendance were Director Jerry Wongittin, Sr. from Inupiak Development Corporation in Nome, and Constance Oozevasuk, secretary, and Alfred Nakak, Nome Housing Committee Director; Bob Schaeffer, Director of the Kikiktugruk Area Community Development Corporation in Kotzebue, and Area Community Developer Willie Goodwin; Mrs. Dolores Padilla from the Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation; Mr. Andy Demoski, Director of the

Koyukon Development Corporation.

Also present were Walter Baldwin, Program Development Specialist from the Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program in Juneau; and Donald Peter, Director of the Upper Yukon Development Corporation, Inc. in Fort Yukon, and Area Community Developer Stanley Jonas, and Kathy Padille, Secretary.

Group Meets on Arts Center

On Friday morning, June 11, a group of people met in the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum to discuss a proposal for an arts and crafts center, which would be a pilot program in this city.

Miss Lynn Chambers, Arts and Crafts Development Specialist from the Department of Economic Development, introduced George Federoff who made the presentation.

Mr. Federoff said that a proposal had been made last year, but it had failed to materialize because of lack of financial support and he felt it had been misrepresented.

He stressed that adequate working conditions must be made available to resident as well as transient craftsmen in order for them to develop quality, originality and more versatility in the production of arts and crafts.

A committee was formed to make additional changes and complete Mr. Federoff's proposal. A meeting of the work committee is scheduled for June 28 in the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum.

THAT'S A FACT



KERNEL COUNT

THERE IS ALWAYS AN EVEN NUMBER OF ROWS OF KERNELS ON AN EAR OF CORN! NORMAL EARS OF CORN WITH AN ODD NUMBER OF ROWS OF KERNELS ARE RARER THAN FOUR-LEAFED CLOVERS!

DOUBLE CELEBRATION...

1966 MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE POPULAR E BOND AND FOR THE REMARKABLE VOLUNTEER INSTITUTION KNOWN AS THE U.S. SAVINGS BONDS PROGRAM-BORN TOGETHER ON MAY 1, 1941

IN THE RED!

THE REASON THAT SCHOOL HOUSES WERE ONCE PAINTED RED WAS NOT THAT THIS WAS A FAVORITE COLOR-BUT BECAUSE RED PAINT WAS THE CHEAPEST OBTAINABLE!

BETTER THAN EVER

-YOUR INVESTMENT IN U.S. SAVINGS BONDS!

ALL BONDS SOLD SINCE DEC. 1, 1965, PAY 4.15% INTEREST WHEN HELD TO MATURITY. OLD BONDS ARE IMPROVED, TOO—SO BUY THEM AND HOLD THEM!



Miss Itta Joins RurAL CAP

Miss Kathy Itta joined the staff of RurAL CAP for the summer months as part of the NYC Program on June 1. Her home is in Barrow, Alaska and she is a senior at Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

Kathy will receive training with the RurAL CAP staff and work with the regional corporations. She will also spend some time with the Alaska Federation of Natives learning about housing and other programs.

She will also be working on a program for Mt. Edgecumbe School. Kathy is also a member of the Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program (SEACAP).

June 14 Issue—

News Week Scrutinizes Indian Relocation Program

The Indian Relocation program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is given careful scrutiny in the June 14 issue of Newsweek.

"Compared with other minority groups caught in the grind of urban poverty, the plight of the citizen American Indian represents a new dimension in wretchedness," the magazine reports. "Though the statistics compiled by different studies vary somewhat, the Indian probably has a median family income of less than \$4,000 and a high-school drop out rate of about 50%. He has found city life even more disastrous than have blacks, Puerto Ricans or chicanos. His over-all suicide and murder rates are the highest in the country, while his

life expectancy is the lowest. Alcoholism is a problem for 25% of the adult males. The Indian is five times more likely to have pneumonia or tuberculosis than the average American, and his diet is so poor that his death rate from dysentery is 35 times the national norm.

"As for employment, few Indians have skills to compete for good jobs. In the Uptown section of Chicago—a sort of Ellis Island for Indians of the South and the Midwest—only 30% of the new arrivals achieve anything approaching a normal life.

"Right now," says George Woodard, director of Bay Area Native American Council of San Francisco, "we're at the bottom of the ditch. And unless we get

ourselves out, we'll end up with nothing but artifacts."

"What makes the Indians particularly bitter is the fact that unlike other minorities, many of them did not come to the cities of their own free will, but as the direct result of official government policy. Instead of financing economic development where they were, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs spend decades prying them loose from cultural isolation and handing out one-way tickets to the cities along with large promises of a better life to come."

Newsweek goes into detail on the dire consequences, including a story of an Indian who asked street directions in Navajo to be arrested and classified as

an insane Mexican-American. It was only after several days the mistake was discovered, the magazine reports.

But the article ends on an optimistic note.

"Fortunately for many Indians, Washington in recent months has exhibited a decided change of heart. With flurry of memos, the BIA has exchanged its policy of relocation for one of economic development on the reservations themselves."

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