

# Alcoholism programs transferred from NIAAA to IHS

All Indian alcoholism programs would be transferred from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) to the Indian Health Service (IHS), under the proposed Interior Department Fiscal Year 1977 budget.

Sen. Ted Stevens has asked that the transfer of the programs be carried out in a phased manner through Fiscal Year 1982 so that all alcoholism programs would be assured of full support throughout the transfer period.

"This would provide for a more rational transfer, allow us to provide the total amount of money needed to support the projects and permit us to assess the ability of the IHS to deal with this new responsibility," Stevens said in a letter to Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Robert

Byrd and Labor-HEW Subcommittee Chairman Warren Magnuson.

The NIAAA has funded about 200 mini-grant alcoholism programs in Alaskan villages in the last few years and is providing the money for a state-wide alcoholism education program conducted by the NIAAA-Alaska Region and the Alaska Native Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ANCADA).

The reason for the proposed transfer of programs from the NIAAA to the IHS is that the NIAAA can support individual programs for only six years. If NIAAA programs are to continue after the six years, they must get state, local or third-party funds. With the programs transferred to the IHS there would be no such limit on continued funding.

Stevens suggested that the alcoholism programs be phased into the IHS after they have had six years of NIAAA support. As no alcoholism grants and contracts have yet received six years of NIAAA support, all

programs would continue to be funded through the Institute in fiscal year 1977.

After that, the NIAAA would fund the programs until they (Continued on Page 14)

## Proceedings of coal meeting available

The proceedings from "Focus on Alaska's Coal 1975," held at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, late last year, are now available from the university's School of Mines.

The conference examined the future of coal, its sources, possible consumers, quantities in Alaska, recovery methods, transportation, mining and environmental considerations and other factors.

In a preface to the proceedings Earl Beistline, dean of the School of Mines writes: "As a result of the conference the following points were brought into focus: Alaska's coal deposits are much more extensive than hitherto known."

The development of a coal industry in Alaska to supply West Coast markets is no longer a dream, and will in fact be a reality before long.

"Additional research on characterization and upgrading of coals is needed to further evaluate the potential of the enormous reserves."

The 281-page volume of the proceedings is available by writing to The School of Mines, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

## CNF land values up

Land values for recreation residence lots on the Chugach National Forest have increased more than 100% since the last appraisal went into effect in 1972, according to Clay Beal, forest supervisor.

The increased land values will affect approximately 150 permittees who have summer homes on Chugach National Forest land. Recreation residence sites are located near Kenai Lake, Summit Lake and the Hope area on the Kenai Peninsula.

Beal said the increase, effective Jan. 1, 1977, reflects the rise in land values over all

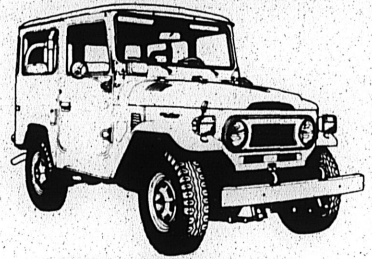
of Alaska. Inflation, speculation, decreased land base and increased population resulted in the rapid increase in land values and the subsequent increase in fees.

An appraisal of recreation sites is required every five years.

Permittees are charged a fee at the rate of 5% of the appraised value of the land per year. The value of 127 lots rose from a collective value of \$278,200 in 1972 to \$659,900 in the recent appraisal of a 136% increase in total land values. The average fee increased at the same rate.

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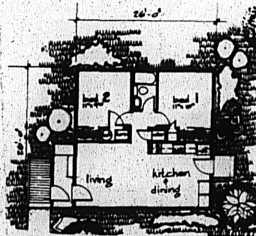
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