

# Medalists Invited

Robert J. Halcro, Alaska State Chairman of the 1969 Inaugural Committee announced that the nation's Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, and their wives, have been invited to attend the inaugural activities as guests of President-Elect Richard M. Nixon.

Halcro said that arrangements for participation of the Medal of Honor recipients and their wives in the Inaugural events are being made by the Veterans' Participation Committee of the Inaugural Committee under the direction of Edward F. McGinnis, Committee Chairman, and Col. Waldron E. Leonard, Co-Chairman.

President Elect Nixon, Halcro explained, has expressed a desire that the Medal of Honor holders and their wives attend the Inaugural activities as his guests.

The Veterans' Participation Committee has mailed 279 invitations to recipients of the Congressional Medal. The expectation is that more than 100 of the Medal holders will attend with their wives.

The committee is undertaking to see that free transportation is furnished by airline for those outside the Washington area, and

also that housing and local transportation in Washington, is made available to them.

Tickets will be furnished the Medal of Honor recipients and their wives for the various Inaugural functions. The Veterans' Participation Committee is making arrangements for luncheons, receptions, dinners and other affairs in their honor, and is undertaking to assist in every way to make the Inaugural a memorable event for them.

This will be the fourth time that Congressional Medal of Honor holders and their wives have been invited to attend the Inaugural events as guests of the incoming President.

The practice was begun with the Eisenhower-Nixon Inaugural in 1953, and was repeated in 1957 and 1961.

Col. Leonard, who for many years was Director of Veterans' Affairs for the District of Columbia, played a leading part in planning for the participation of the Medal of Honor recipients and their wives in the three previous Inaugurals in which they were guests of the incoming President.

## Health Science Library . . .

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coming into being. And like the Cobalt Center, the library, too, is a community project, joining efforts of private health professionals and the U.S. Public Health Service.

A library advisory committee has been formed to represent community interests. Active community interest is also manifest in donations from private physicians. These gifts include both money and valuable medical books.

Dr. Frederick J. Hillman as chairman and Dr. Alan Homay are the Advisory Committee representatives from the Anchorage Medical Society. The Alaska State Medical Association members are Dr. Gary Walkup of Fairbanks and Dr. Arthur N. Wilson, Jr. of Ketchikan.

The U.S. Public Health Service is represented by Dr. C. Edwin Martin, assistant chief of medicine at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage and Dr. Charles Neilson, Deputy Director Alaska Area Native Health Service.

One of the staunchest advocates of the Health Sciences Library and one who worked many hours with other interested persons to plan the project is Dr. M. Walter Johnson, Clinical Director of the PHS Medical Center and a long-time resident of the state. He was named Project Director by RMP.

Mrs. Ursula Strash, who has ten years experience in research librarian work and background of extensive education in the field, is librarian for the new facility.

She is responsible for the basic planning for the Anchorage facility and medical library service for the whole state of Alaska, a unique undertaking. She is assisted by Mrs. Christine Schaedler, a former teacher.

Mrs. Strash reports that even in the library's founding stages since last July, the response from physicians requesting service has been overwhelming.

The USPHS is providing space for the facility in its Alaska Area Native Health Service building adjacent to the Medical Center at Third Avenue and Gambell Street.

PHS also supports the project by furnishing the librarians salary, equipment and supplies, binding of back volumes of medical journals and monographs and subscriptions to most of the major medical journals.

There are some 230 of these, mostly monthlies, and they include British, Canadian and Scandinavian publications.

One of the newest on the medical scene is the "Journal of Toxicology," a subject of growing importance to the medical field as drug abuses become more prominent and new chemical products emerge from expanding technology.

Included in the collection of bound journals of the library are most volumes of the American Journal of Diseases in Children and an entire set of Pediatrics.

As funds permit, the library will acquire a good basic collection of books in the health related sciences. The grant provides for an assistant librarian, basic furniture and copying equipment to furnish requested information to physicians.

The Alaska Health Sciences Library, which has been giving service to physicians in the state even as it readies for a formal opening early in 1969, will have a dual function.

It will be the community medical library for the entire Anchorage area. As such, it provides services to all professional health workers residing here and will initiate a program of shared professional services with smaller Anchorage medical libraries which do not have trained personnel.

In its larger role, the library will give library services to all physicians, dentists and allied health personnel in Alaska.

Through the Alaskan facility's close association with the Northwest Regional Medical Library, Alaskan doctors, regardless of their isolation, will come nearer to having good services and current literature which is available in the largest medical centers.

A vital part of the Alaska library's value is its relation to a national network of libraries. At the center of the network is the National Library of Medicine, the world's most comprehensive, assisted by several large regional resource libraries.

These are not yet established in all regions, but the one serving Alaska, at the University of Washington, was one of the first to be effectual.

The library project will receive about \$30,000 in grant monies, two thirds of which are for the first of two grant years which end January 31, 1970.



MRS. ERMALEE HICKEL, wife of Alaska's Governor, Walter J. Hickel, admires four ceramic cups. They are gifts to her from the Alaska

Psychiatric Institute and now adorn the Governor's Mansion in Juneau.

## Jicarillas Plan Alcoholism Meet

The Jacarilla Apache Tribe announces that the 4th Annual Conference and Training Session on Indian Alcoholism will be held on the Jicarilla Apache reservation in Dulce, New Mexico on June 11, 12, and 13, 1969.

"We are now in the process of developing the program for the Conference which will include many of the top authorities in the field of alcoholism, particularly Indian alcoholism," said Charlie Vigil, chairman.

Housing will be available for men or women in BIA dormitories, or at local motels in and near Dulce. Meals will be provided at the BIA dining hall. All sessions will, as in the past, be held in the Dulce High School.

Programs will be available after April 1, 1969. Kindly address all future requests for information about the conference to:

V.W. Werner, Director, Jicarilla Apache Alcoholism Project, P.O. Box 312, Dulce, New Mexico 87528.

Plan now to spend a few days on the beautiful Jicarilla Apache reservation in Northern New Mexico attending this conference—June 11, 12, and 13, 1969.

## POINT OF VIEW - Tuttu . . .

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The light was almost gone. He would fire at the animals that were taking the herd away. Still the plane fell and the animals sensed its closeness. Tuttu's trigger-finger tightened.

Then the engines roared into life and the great herd jumped and reced away from the ineffectual, desperate fusillade of shots Tuttu poured into the maelstrom of snow and sound and empty darkness.

## API Patients Present

### Ermalee Ceramic Cups

Patients at the Alaska Psychiatric Institute have the opportunity to learn about many crafts

### Oil Field Road Progressing Toward Slope

JUNEAU—Construction crews departed Stevens Village Friday and are proceeding in -10 degree weather with work on the winter road to Alaska's giant oil fields at Prudhoe Bay, Highways Commissioner Cosby Steen reported to Gov. Walter J. Hickel.

Steen also reported that the state's decision to proceed with construction of the winter road has won approval from the Alaska Carrier's Association, the organization representing truckers in the state, and from The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce.

ACA managing director Edward R. Saunders wired congratulations to Hickel on the decision to construct the winter

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and to create useful objects. Typical of their creations are the four ceramic cups made by patients and presented to Mrs. Ermalee Hickel, wife of Governor Walter J. Hickel.

The cups done in a rich brown glaze, nest into each other and their adorning masks give the appearance of a totem pole when they are stacked.

There are two pairs of cups, each with a different design. On the outside two of the cups have a brown mottled, glazed interior; the others are a light, natural ivory color inside.

After the "First Lady of Alaska" accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell Abood, had visited Alaska Psychiatric Institute's Occupational Therapy Laboratory and admired the many pieces of handicraft and art created by the patients, the Superintendent, Dr. Carl Koutsky, sent her four of the objects she had complimented. Mrs. Abood is the wife of the Governor's Anchorage representative.

Mrs. Barbara Brown is Senior Occupational Therapist of the Alaska Psychiatric Institute Occupational Therapy Laboratory, where the cups were made.

Mrs. Carol Stewart, O.T.R., Miss Kathy Franz, O.T.R., Charles Masterson, aide, and Miss Linda Sullivan, Neighborhood Youth Corps worker, are other members of the Occupational Therapy staff.