



# MUELLER HEARING ORDERED



**HOMEMAKERS GRADUATE**--Some of the 19 graduates of the first Homemakers Class sponsored by WET in Fairbanks, shown with their instructors, are, from left: Edna Leavitt, Martha Ericklook, Agnes Mayo, Brenda Dixon, Lillian Olin, Laura Putugook,

teacher Ann Severns, Gertrude Ahsogak, Mary Dawson, Jennie Silas, Carolyn Dixon, Rose Davis, Vivian Titus, assistant coordinator Dot Truran, Nita Paneak, and VISTA volunteer Martha Schulz.

## Radiation Count Tests Planned for Natives

Dr. Henry Rechen and Dr. Warren Briscoe of the National Center of Radiological Health of the Public Health Service will head for Alaska on April 17 to visit and test over 1,500 Alaska Natives in 17 communities.

Along with Richard Mikkelsen from the State Department of Health, they will spend 4½ weeks making whole-body radiation counts of Natives

who are reindeer and caribou eaters.

They will use a new non-shielded portable body counter developed in Finland. The test is simple and will cause no inconvenience to the village residents.

The scientists can test two persons at a time, and each test takes ten minutes. They will also be undertaking ex-

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## 19 Homemakers Graduate from Work Training

Nineteen women graduated from a Work Experience Training Program Homemakers course March 31 in Fairbanks after three and a half months of both classroom and on-the-job training.

Several of the graduates had jobs waiting for them when they graduated; five others will continue will full-

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## \$150,000 Carnegie Grant Goes To United Scholarship Service

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has announced a three-year grant of \$150,000 to the United Scholarship Service, Inc., a Denver-based organization, for expanding its work with a new program of graduate school counseling and assistance for American students of Indian and Mexican descent.

According to Alan Pifer, acting president of Carnegie Corporation, these students are handicapped by poor early education, a different cultural background, and lack of finances.

Even when they catch up with other students by gradua-

tion, a poor early college record can hinder their admission to graduate school and selection for fellowships.

USS will provide financial help, including for travel, clothing, and other basic expenses, and will also supply consulting aid to encourage and help qualified young graduates.

USS was formed in 1960 by the United Church of Christ and the Episcopal Church, with the National Indian Youth Council, Inc., joining in 1966. The Carnegie Corporation was founded in 1911 by Andrew Carnegie, and uses income from its investments

to advance knowledge and understanding among the peoples of the U.S. and certain Commonwealth countries.

## Hair Seal Bounty Retained on West, Arctic Coasts

A bill to eliminate the bounty on hair seals in all areas except the Arctic coast and the western coast north of Cape Constantine passed the House this week.

It now goes to Gov. Hickel, who requested the legislation.

## State High Court Issues Directive On Mueller Case

The State Supreme Court has ordered that Richard D. Mueller be given a hearing by the State Personnel Board on his dismissal from the State Division of Lands.

Yesterday, the Court's mandate was placed on record at the Superior Court in Fairbanks. It overruled that court's previous decision, and directed it to order the Personnel Board to hold a hearing.

No date has been set for the

## Weighty Matters On Agenda at Tanana Meeting

Native Land Claims, the Native Affairs Commission, Regional High Schools and matters of health, sanitation and community action are scheduled for discussion at the Tanana Chiefs' conference today and tomorrow, April 7 and 8.

At press time, Secretary of State Keith Miller was not

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hearing, and Mueller's attorney Stephen DeLisio said the date would have to be selected by the Board to fit into its schedule of cases.

Mueller was dismissed from the position of lease and sales manager two years ago for activities by which he showed the State was about to sell "wilderness estates" on land which was covered by a Native land claim.

He appealed his dismissal to the State Personnel Board, but was turned down because he had held his position for less than one year. The Board ruled that he was thus on probationary status, and could be fired without right of

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## Rep. Wright Points Error in Editorial

Republicans Jules Wright of Fairbanks and John Sackett of Huslia both expressed strong support for the Native Affairs Commission.

Wright commented that the last Tundra Times editorial was in error, and that the bill on the Commission had not yet gone through.

He said that two hearings were held, and several Native members testified on the bill. It is being well studied, and all sides are being heard. "I personally think it is a very good bill."

Sackett said the bill was in

line with the fight to take Alaska out of its colonial days into a period of self-government and economic expansion. He called it a change from paternalism.

"What we make of this new

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## Widmark Named Deputy Director Of Local Affairs

Al Widmark, 62, of Klawock has been appointed Deputy Director of the State Local Affairs Agency.

Widmark has served as mayor, city councilman, and school board member in Klawock, and served one term in the State Legislature.

He is a five-term Grand President of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, with 27 years membership in the organization.

Born in Haines, he studied at Sheldon Jackson High School for one year and completed his high school studies in Seattle. He attended Los Angeles Polytechnic School and Oregon State University graduating with a degree in pharmacy.

Widmark and his wife, Carmel, have six children.

## Pre-Registration Bill Defeated In State House

A bill to require statewide pre-registration voters was defeated in the State House of Representatives by a 13-26 vote.

It had been labeled as priority legislation by Gov. Walter J. Hickel, and a similar bill had already passed the Senate

Only four persons spoke on the measure, and three opposed it. Arguments against it were that the need had not been proven and that it would reduce voting. The supporter

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