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Classroom Expansion Aim of Kotzebue Board

The new Kotzebue Advisory School Board recently elected by the community, requested that Rep. Willie Hensley speak to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett to see if the Kotzebue school system can be made a high priority project.

It has been understood that plans to expand classroom space in Kotzebue are well down on the priority list.

"We need space for 200 more pupils right now," said Rep. Hensley. "We have had to improvise space. If we don't begin now to plan on building additional classrooms and apartment space for teachers, we'll soon be bursting at the seams and

this does not provide a very good situation for learning."

As far as high school education is concerned, Hensley said, only ninth and tenth grades are provided for and that the lack of space for secondary education may prohibit the expansion of the high school system.

The Advisory School Board wants to see the implementation of a full four-year high school program in Kotzebue to serve the region.

William Jones, chairman of the Kotzebue board, is spearheading his group to find ways to improve the school system.

"The Board feels the single most immediate need

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ASCAP Approves Demonstration Grant for Coops

The Alaska State Community Action Program Board approved the request for a demonstration grant to be utilized to start cooperatives in areas of consumer marketing and production.

The grant is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$3 million.

Ten villages are to be chosen throughout Alaska in cooperation with the Alaska Volunteer Electrification Corporation.

Providing everything goes well, the program could start within 30 days with the approval of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The Board also endorsed the AVEC application for village electrification with a stipulation that an ASCAP board member sit in along with the AVEC board. This person could be a target area representative, such as Dan Lisbourne for the Northwest or Al Ketzler for the Interior.

The people concerned say

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RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS—Medical assistance by radio is important in remote villages of Alaska. Here Janet Napoleon, PHS medical aide, receives instructions by radio from the Doctor at Bethel Hospital for a patient at Hooper Bay.

—Bureau of Indian Affairs Photo

Claims Task Force Committee Meets This Week in State Capitol

After not-too-little confusion, the Land Claims Task Force Committee finally sat down to meet at Juneau this week.

Some of the committee members were told earlier in the week by the Governor's office that the meeting had been called off due to shortage of funds and that whatever funding was left would be used for future expenses of delegations to Washington to testify on land matters.

The meeting was called back on when the Alaska State Community Action Program came up with funds to finance the meeting.

The Juneau meeting has been considering the proposed bill drawn up by the Task Force Drafting Committee with technical assistance of lawyers Barry

Jackson of Fairbanks, Roger Conner of Juneau and Clifford Groh of Anchorage.

The bill under consideration is said to be about 50 typewritten pages long.

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Consider All Facets Of Legislation on Land Says Woman

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A letter from one Alaskan Native to another
Subject: Land Claims Movement

Our battle for rightful recognition as a people worthy of consideration for a just and fair return for our lands in the forthcoming legislation is a fierce and strategically fought battle. The "land freeze" is a situation presently in existence, as we all know, because the Secretary of the Interior feels that it is necessary in order to protect our rights with respect to our aboriginal claim to land which the State is attempting to acquire under its State Land Selection Program.

Up to the inception and in the first stages of this "land freeze", two opposing positions were expressed to the Department of the Interior and the press in general. Namely, our position and the position of the administration of the State of Alaska.

Our position and goals were incorporated into a resolution, which was adopted at the State-wide Conference of the A.F.N. and subsequently sent to Senator Gruening for presentation in Washington, D. C. Prior to, and during this conference period the position of the State administration was that the "land freeze" was causing economic hardship on the State economy, and that the legal position of the native claims was questionable.

It further instituted a suit to lift the "land freeze". The

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BIA-PHS Installing Emergency Radio Sets in Remote Areas

The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Public Health Service are currently cooperating to provide villages radio contact 24 hours a day

to take care of health needs and emergencies.

Don Stichler, BIA electronics technician, has been installing new sets in BIA schools and PHS clinics in the Fairbanks District during the past few months.

The sets are new known as single side band (SSB) which means simply that the AM frequency is cut in two parts, the upper and the lower side band.

Bureau schools will use the upper side band and PHS the lower on same frequencies. Single side band doubles the working capacity of any given frequency and outpowers comparable AM units.

Recent government regulation now requires that SSB be used by all federal installations in Alaska. The new system cuts down on the overuse of existing AM transmitters.

It has been a common knowledge in the past that on the existing frequencies, and many of them on the same time schedule, the traffic got so crowded that it sometimes took a message several hours to get through.

In time, each agency or installation will have its own radio unit, its own band and its own time schedule. When these are completed, the older AM radios will be left in villages for a time as

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Legal Services On Adoption Problem

Alaska Legal Services Corporation announces a major effort to solve the problem of adoption for poor people. VISTA, Alaska State Welfare Dept. and many judges have indicated their support and enthusiasm.

There are many reasons why a person should obtain a legal adoption for his child. A son or daughter in military service is insured, and if killed under certain circumstances, the natural or legal parent are usually entitled to a substantial amount of money.

In some everyday civilian situation, a natural or legal parent can sometimes recover a substantial amount of money for the wrongful death of a child and conversely, a child can recover for the wrongful death of a parent.

Under social security laws,

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12-Member AMUA Board Appointed By Burton Silcock

The appointment of the twelve member Alaska Multiple Use Advisory Board on public land management for 1968 has been announced by Burt Silcock, State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

The twelve man board has representation from the following interests: Borough government, economic development, forestry, grazing, Military affairs, mineral development, Native settle-

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