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GOVERNOR ADDRESSES RURAL-CAP BOARD

Egan Opposes New Territorial Limit



EGAN SPEAKS—Governor William A. Egan appeared before the Board of Directors of RurAL CAP on October 2 as they met at the Kake Alaska Town Hall. He is seen greeting Elmer Armstrong, president of the board. Standing next to the governor is executive director John Shively. Photo by BARRY MCWAYNE

In Kake for the dedication of the 136 ft. totem pole, Governor William A. Egan, after the ceremonies, spoke to the RurAL CAP Board of Directors who were holding their annual meeting in the village.

Egan commented on the State Department's new charts which delineate a strict 3-mile territorial zone as state waters and a nine-mile contiguous zone of limited federal jurisdiction. In a letter to President Nixon, Egan strongly protested the new charts. Opening these areas to foreign and unregulated fishermen, Egan said, seriously jeopardizes the state fisheries conservation program. In addition, the state would lose hundreds of miles of underseas mineral resources because these waters are designated as being outside the territorial sea. The federal government would gain these minerals since it owns such resources as the ocean floor out to the limit of the continental shelf, even though it lies beneath the high seas. The Governor further commented that he would keep pushing for compliance with the demands in his letter to President Nixon, a complete investigation of the State Department's action, and withdrawal of the new charts pending completion of the investigation.

Following the address, John Shively, Executive Director of RurAL CAP, presented a resolution supporting the Governor's position. The Board of Directors adopted the resolution with a unanimous vote.

The RurAL CAP Board held their meeting in Kake on October 1-3, 1971 in response to an invitation from the community to attend the totem raising and potlatch festivities. Board members were very impressed with the colorful ceremonies and warm hospitality of the people of Kake.

One of the main items on the agenda was a review of the grant package for the agency which was approved by the

Board for the 1972 program year. This is the second year of a three-year plan and there are no major changes, Shively said.

The Board adopted a resolution regarding the Emergency Employment Act of 1971 which was designed to assist unemployed persons, requesting that the state give rural Alaskans a No. 1 priority in jobs created through the disbursement of special impact funds.

A resolution from the Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation was endorsed which requested the use of TUNDRA TIMES in the school systems of Alaska, including Anchorage, Fairbanks and all independent school districts. It was felt that there is a need for the young people to develop an understanding of how Native leaders are involved in social change in Alaska and to be informed of current events. TUNDRA TIMES publishes a weekly report on all news that affects rural Alaska and it therefore should be used as core subject matter to begin a Native studies course in the school systems.

Also adopted was a resolution requesting the Alaska Native Health Service to remedy serious deficiencies in the Bethel Service Unit Health Delivery System by increasing the staff, constructing a building to meet the needs of the area and to develop staff training to provide more flexibility and increased continuity.

Election of officers for the Board returned Elmer Armstrong from Kotzebue as President on a unanimous vote; Hank Ostrosky, Bristol Bay Area representative, for his second term as Vice President; and Mrs. Ellen Lang, SEACAP representative, as Secretary-Treasurer.

Visitors to the meeting included: Steve Hilterbrant from the Seattle office of OEO, Byron Mallot, Director of the Local Affairs Agency and Morris Thompson, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.



KAKE MEETING—RurAL CAP executive director John Shively (left), board president Elmer Armstrong and board vice president Hank Ostrosky paused to chat outside the Kake Town Hall during the October 1 meeting of the Board of Directors. The RurAL CAP meeting was scheduled to coincide with the raising of the Kake Totem Pole.

State PAC To Meet

A meeting of the Rural Alaska Child Development Policy Advisory Committee (State PAC) will be held October 27-28 in Anchorage.

One of the days will be devoted to a training session regarding functions of the PAC. George Irvin, Trainer for RurAL CAP, will conduct the session.

Lena Andree is Alcoholism Counselor At Dillingham

The Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation hired Lena Andree as Alcoholism Counselor for Dillingham as of September 1, 1971, and Peter Kunuk from the RurAL CAP staff visited there to lend assistance in getting their program underway.

Kunnuk, Program Specialist for the agency, said the Public Health Service and other agencies are in support of the program. Mrs. Andree is familiar with the village people and speaks their language, and that much interest has been generated.

The primary objectives of the program, Kunnuk commented, are to help people in the villages with community education toward acceptance of the alcoholism among adolescents and young adults.

Tomorrow is Now Education Conference Set

A conference of the National Association for the Education of Young People which they have aptly named, "Tomorrow is Now", is being held in Minnesota on November 2-6, 1971.

Miss Peggy Sherman, Director of Child Development for RurAL CAP, will attend the four-day meeting. She said there will be speeches, reports and panels on new ideas in preschool education. Representatives from

Koyukon Corporation Meets

The fall regional board meeting of the Koyukon Development Corporation was held October 6-7 in Galena, with nine villages represented.

A resolution was adopted that Housing and Urban Development (HUD) refrain from setting flood plain requirements which make it impossible or unnecessarily difficult to finance and relocate new housing.

Other resolutions were adopted by the Board as follows: Requesting that the regional director keep their villages informed of state and federal programs available; That more training programs and information be given so that village people may acquire secretarial, accounting and managerial skill. Also, that because few Natives can afford expensive homes which are being planned by the Alaska Federation of Natives, that the AFN should think in terms of each village in an area, rather than considering the area as a whole, and the AFN should not try to sell housing that will be beyond the means of the recipients, financially, or otherwise.

all over the nation will be describing their programs and there will be discussion about parent involvement. One subject of particular interest, the director stated, was about Indians in Head Start.

Miss Sherman commented that she would like to have early childhood development in Alaska presented at the conference, hopefully, it would be possible next year.



RURAL AFFAIRS—Eben Hopson chaired this month's meeting of the Rural Affairs Commission in Fairbanks October 6 in the absence of Emil Notti, who arrived late. Notti resigned as chairman of the state commission and was replaced by State Senator Willie Hensley of Kotzebue. Notti will remain on the board. In the background is AFN executive director Harry Carter.