

Paul Tiulana Named Director Of Anchorage Welcome Center

Paul Tiulana, a King Island Eskimo, was named executive director of the Anchorage Native Welcome Center at a special board meeting January 30.

Tiulana was selected over 42 other applicants for the job. He has been serving as acting director of the Center for several months, and as a guidance counselor since the Center opened in February of 1968.

The newly appointed director is 49 years of age, resides in Anchorage with his wife, Clara; his children Albert, Catherine, Matthew, Eugene and Thomas. A son, Justin, is serving with the Army in Germany; a daughter, Lillian, attends the University of Alaska.

Tiulana lived most of his life at King Island and Nome, where he was associated with the Alaska Native Arts and Crafts Association.

He has been active in the A-frame arts and crafts unit on 4th Avenue in Anchorage. He is a well known ivory carver, and heads an Eskimo dance group which performs frequently in the city throughout the year.

During the summer the group dances daily in front of the Gilded Cage to benefit the Crippled Children's Hospital. He participated in hearings and meetings on aboriginal land rights which ultimately led to the filing of the Native land claims.

The Welcome Center was originally established as a referral center for housing, employment, transportation and other services which would assist village Natives in adjusting to city life. It was also a place for Natives to meet friends and make new acquaintances.

The Center still tries to meet these needs. But it now concentrates its efforts on employment. Center staff will be working closely with other employment agencies in the city in screening and placing job applicants and Natives in training programs.

They will follow up on people placed in employment and training.

The Center will also cooperate



DIRECTOR—Paul Tiulana of King Island has been named executive director of the Anchorage Native Welcome Center, Inc. Tiulana is a well known ivory carver and Eskimo dancer and dance leader of King Island Eskimos.

with and assist programs designed to solve problems which interfere with Native employment.

According to Mr. Tiulana, "One of the immediate, urgent problems facing us is alcoholism. My board recognizes this problem and recently voted to urge the borough to plan for the construction of an alcoholism treatment center. We have two young Native men enrolled in a course on alcoholism at the community college."

"One of our staff members had her way paid to a conference on Indian alcoholism which was held in Denver last week. We will be meeting with representatives of the drunk-in-public committee, Native associations, alcoholism consultants from the borough, people from the ANS hospital, employment agencies, the Anchorage Council on Alcoholism, and others, to discuss our problem and what part the Center should play in city and borough alcoholism treatment activities."

The Center, in addition to intensive training in employment counseling, will investigate all aspects of minority hire. It is expected to become involved in any effort which will lead to construction or provision of

emergency, temporary housing. Other social and economic problems will be explored as time and staff permit.

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