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RurAL CAP Sets Up Legislative Research Slot

Delegation Goes to Wash. Seeking Funds

A delegation from the Rural Alaska Community Action Program recently made a trip to Washington, D.C. to seek additional funds for the agency's Head Start program.

Representatives from RurAL CAP consisted of John Shively, Executive Director, Betty Scaman, Director of Child Development; Board Chairman Elmer Armstrong; Marlene Johnson, Board member; Dolores Padilla, Regional Director of the Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation; and Dr. Clifford R. Hartman, Commissioner of Education.

Meetings were arranged with Senators Gravel and Stevens, representatives from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and officials from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Reporting on the results of the trip, Executive Director Shively stated, "We were able to secure several possibilities of funding, including OEO demonstration monies, Title IV of the Social Security Act and possibly the Head Start Indian Desk. However, at this time we have no commitment of funds."

He further added that both Senators' offices have agreed to do as much as possible in obtaining the needed additional funding.



DIRECTOR SHIVELY, and Deputy Director Nels Anderson, present a check to Clara Carroll, Director of the Fairbanks Native Welcome Center.

CAP Loans \$10,000 To Welcome Center

A loan of \$10,000.00 was recently made to the Fairbanks Native Welcome Center by the Rural Alaska Community Action Program.

The loan is to be used for interim financing until the Center receives their grant from the

Office of Economic Opportunity.

Clara Carroll, Executive Director of the Fairbanks Native Welcome Center, accepted the check from RurAL CAP executive director John Shively and Nels A. Anderson, Jr., RurAL CAP Acting Deputy Director.



COORDINATOR Governor William A. Egan recently appointed Junior Ramos to head the State Office of Economic Opportunity. Ramos was formerly RurAL CAP's Regional Assistance Coordinator.

RurAL CAP Member to Do Research to Help Inform Bush Legislators

John Shively, Executive Director of RurAL CAP and Chairman of the Rural Alaska Development Group (RADG) this week signed a contract with Byron Mallott, Director of the Local Affairs agency which will provide a staff member to work on legislative research for the rural legislators.

The staff member was requested by the Rural Caucus which is chaired by Representative Ed Naughton of Kodiak, felt that the rural legislators would be better able to serve the bush areas if they had staff support to research specific bills dealing with problems in the rural areas.

The rural legislators have all made up lists of priority legislative topics. The Rural Alaska Development Group has also a

number of priority legislative issues which the legislative research person will be dealing with.

The contract also calls for the legislative research person to set up a statewide conference of rural poor people to discuss legislative issues.

The legislative research person will be arranging for a number of these people to come to Juneau to testify on specific pieces of legislation which affect rural Alaska.

Mr. Shively expressed great pleasure at the completion of the contract. He stated, "I feel that if things in rural Alaska are going to improve economically then the state legislators will help the rural legislators in providing legislation to attack the causes of poverty in Alaska."

Tom Potter to AFN, Jr. Ramos to State

Tom Potter, Controller for the Rural Alaska Community Action Program will be leaving the agency March 31st to assume his new duties as Director of the Alaska Federation of Natives' Healthright grant.

RurAL CAP Director, John Shively, stated, "Tom's service has been extremely valuable to RurAL CAP. His work has made RurAL CAP one of the most financially sound community action agencies in the entire nation and I feel that the Alaska Federation of Natives is gaining a tremendous asset in Tom Potter."

For the past ten months Potter has been in charge of RurAL CAP's fiscal operations which total some three million dollars in program funds.

Prior to working for RurAL CAP he had been engaged in hospital administration.

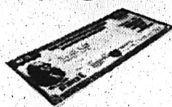
Junior Ramos, RurAL CAP's Regional Technical Assistance Coordinator was recently appointed by the Governor to head the State Office of Economic Opportunity in Juneau.

Ramos has been employed by the RurAL CAP agency for the past two years and has held a variety of positions, one of which included Director of the Emergency Food & Medical Services program.

Director John Shively stated, "Junior's experience, combined with his knowledge of rural Alaska, will be a tremendous asset to him in serving the needs of community action agencies in the state. We will certainly regret losing him but we look forward to working with him in his new position."

Ramos will assume his position of Director of the State OEO office March 15th.

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Institute Surveys Vietnam Vets View of War

"At a times when the military is accused of atrocities and war crimes, the men who know the reality of Vietnam should be heard," writes Robert Duckles of the Wright Institute.

The Institute is conducting a national survey of Vietnam veterans' view on the war.

"We invite veterans who are readers of the Tundra Times to take part in the survey by writing and asking for the Veterans' Survey from R. Duckles, The Wright Institute, 2728 Durant Ave., Berkeley, Calif. 94704."

The Institute will be happy to furnish a copy of the report on the survey to each veteran who participates.

For Exemplary Conduct—

Sergeant Olanna Awarded

Sergeant Albert Olanna, of Shishmaref, has been awarded the Brigadier General John R. Noyes medal, presented annually to the outstanding enlisted member of the 1st Scout Battalion, Alaska National Guard.

Olanna was selected for the award on the basis of his professional knowledge, superior leadership, exemplary conduct and outstanding personal appearance.

The award is made each year by the John R. Noyes Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars,

Anchorage, in memory of the late General Noyes, who was adjutant general of Alaska at the time of his death in an aircraft accident in 1956.

Sergeant Olanna is now attending the US Army's Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. Upon completion of the 10 week course, he will be commissioned as a second

lieutenant of infantry, assigned with the 1st Scout Battalion.

Presentation of the award was made by Major General William S. Elmore, adjutant general of Alaska. Lieutenant Governor H.A. Boucher was present at the ceremony.

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