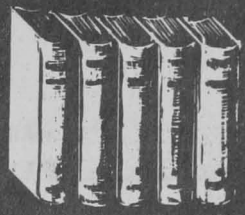




FEDERAL ACTIONS



Department of the interior

NEW ALASKA SET-UP APPROVED: To integrate fully and make more effective the Department of the Interior programs for the development of Alaska and its resources, Secretary J. A. Krug has approved an order establishing the Alaska Field Staff and the Alaska Field Committee to work under the general supervision of Assistant Secretary W. E. Warne in charge of Alaskan affairs.

At the same time, the appointment of Kenneth J. Kadow of Rockville Centre, New York, was announced to be Director of the Alaska Field Staff, ex-officio Commissioner and Chairman of the Alaska Field Committee with Headquarters in Juneau.

The new Director will supervise the field staff consisting of a small unit designed to coordinate Interior's varied Alaska programs and will act as the Department's representative in dealing with other Federal agencies, the Territorial Government, and public and private groups on matters of common interest; he will continually study the Department's operations in Alaska and provide a channel for the exchange of views and information; initiate and secure agreements necessary to the efficient and economical execution of Department programs in Alaska, and report, through the Director of Territories and Island Possessions, to the Secretary on matters requiring Department action.

The Director will serve as Chairman of the Alaska Field Committee, composed of a representative from each of the Department's Bureaus and organizations participating in Alaska programs. In conjunction with the Committee, before June 1, 1949, he will submit to the Secretary, a comprehensive 6-year program for Alaskan development.

The Field Committee is to advise and assist the Director, and consider and make recommendations on all matters relating to the Department's programs for Alaska. The Committee will provide a basis for the correlation of Alaskan activities of the various Bureaus of the Department.

FREEZING FISH AT SEA

There is no reason to assume that the New England type trawler will not be redesigned to become adapted to freezing fish at sea. Many engineering problems are involved, but they are not impossible of solution.

As the demand for higher quality frozen fish increases, there is every reason to believe that the industry will take steps to convert its vessels into the freezer type so that this demand can be met.

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