

# Jorgenson Airport Operations Supt.



CAPT. JORGENSEN

The appointment of "Jorgie" Jorgensen of Fairbanks as the Airport Operations Superintendent for the Division of Aviations was announced last week by Governor William A. Egan.

Jorgensen will be in charge of maintenance and operation of all state airports other than the International Airports at Anchorage and Fairbanks.

This is reportedly the first time this job has ever been offered to a Native. The new Superintendent is half Eskimo and half Norwegian. He and his wife have lived in Fairbanks for over 20 years.

Jorgensen was born in Haycock, Alaska, a mining town in 1927.

"It was one of those towns where most of the fathers were Scandinavians and most of the mothers were Eskimos," explained his wife Rosalie.

He served in the Alaska Scouts in 1945-45, and completed his flight training in 1947.

His first flying job was with Willie Foster's Nome Flying Service in 1948. In 1953, he joined Wien Airlines and advanced from bush pilot to airline captain in 1956. Jorgensen holds an airline transport license and has logged over 16,000 hours flying time.

Jorgensen was reportedly first offered the position of Director of Aviation, the job which oversees the operation of the Fairbanks and Anchorage International Airport. Apparently, he turned it down, preferring the

Superintendent's position, with its close ties to the areas of Alaska he knows best—the dozens of small airports serving the bush.

Through his years as a bush pilot and a pilot for Wien Airlines, he is familiar with the personnel and operations of almost all of the state's smaller airports.

Jorgensen and his wife Rosalie have four children, Mrs. Kathleen Hodges of Fairbanks; Holger (Jr.), a student at the University of Alaska; Noel, a junior at Fairbanks Lathrop High School; and Roberta, a student at Ryan Junior High School in Fairbanks.

The family has no plans to move to Anchorage till after the school year has ended.