

# ***Commission: More Minorities Hired***

JUNEAU — Figures reported by the Alaska Human Rights Commission reveal that state employment of minority group members has increased signi-

ficantly during the past year, Governor Willaim A. Egan said today.

State employment of Alaska natives as of March totaled 1,049 and of black people 238, according to the commission's figures, Egan said.

The totals as of March a year ago, although records were not as complete at that time, were 442 natives and 56 blacks.

Employment of people of Oriental descent increased from 34 to 59 and of Spanish speaking people and other minority group members from 21 to 32.

The Human Rights Commission, an agency of the governor's office, reported total state employment at 9,305.

"Increasing the employment of minority group members has been and continues to be a top priority of my administration," the governor said, "and I am greatly pleased with the results reported by the commission."