

On Pipeline Bevel Guards—

Alyeska Contracts with Slope Native Company

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA— A spokesman for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company announced the company has let a contract to Northern Development Enterprises, Ltd., of Barrow, for removal of bevel guards from about 14,000 sections of 48-inch pipe at Prudhoe Bay.

The pipe is to be used in the proposed 800-mile trans Alaska pipeline. Alyeska is the firm which has proposed to design, construct and operate the crude oil pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez.

The contract was let two weeks ago. Work started about

April 30 and was to be completed by May 15.

About 30 workmen are employed under the contract.

The contractor is a native business enterprise, formed to serve natives of the Arctic slope according to Irving Igtanloc, Barrow, a spokesman for the group. Workmen for the job are expected to be drawn from Anaktuvuk Pass, Wainwright, Barter Island and Barrow.

The bevel guards are light metal rings placed over the beveled ends of the pipe to provide protection during shipment.

Bevel guards were removed in December and January from pipe at Valdez, by the North Gulf Natives, Incorporated, of Cordova, a business enterprise of the Chugach Native Association, and by Banister Pipe Lines, Incorporated, of Anchorage.

The guards were removed in late March from pipe at Fairbanks, by the DNH Development Corporation, a business enterprise of the Tanana Chief's Association.