

N. York Company Would Start Needlework Factory in Alaska

On his recent trip to the east coast, Don Wright of Anchorage talked with the officials of the 4 Star Sportsman Manufacturing Co. in New York.

This company, which has factories only on the east coast, is showing intent and wants to assist in getting a demonstration needlework industry started in Alaska.

According to Wright, the company is willing to set up a factory that would hire 20 to 200 Alaska natives.

The factory would be constructed if the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other federal agencies will assist the native people in the preparation of the program.

The 4 Star company would supply technical assistance, including the estimate of costs for facilities and equipment.

The company would also like to begin immediately on a training program and send 20 native people to their factories in the east for training. They would supply instructors to begin training those people in the use of the equipment.

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Co. also indicated that it would like to begin manufacturing Arctic survival equipment for the military in Alaska. This program would fit in along the line of the proposed needlework industry.

Don Wright is the president of the Cook Inlet Native Association in Anchorage. He has been in Juneau along with other native leaders lobbying for passage of the House Bill 672, the state land claims bill.

"I intend, as soon as House Bill 672 is passed, to attempt to get the first factory established near Anchorage within the next six months," he said.