

State Department of Labor Places 12,100 Persons in Jobs

JUNEAU,—Commissioner of Labor Thomas J. Moore reported to Gov. Walter J. Hickel's office last week that the Alaska State Employment Service placed 12,100 persons in jobs in Alaska during fiscal 1968.

"This is the largest number of workers placed in any one fiscal year during the 30-year history of the service and represents an increase of more than 1,000 placements over fiscal 1967," Moore told the Governor. "The 1,603 placements made in June,

1968, was a record number for the month of June, exceeding the prior high by about 240 placements."

The commissioner said the jump in the number of placements reflects the intensive effort made by the Alaska State Employment Service to expose as many Alaskans as possible to jobs they are qualified to fill.

Moore said, "The unique interest of veterans in Alaska is shown by the fact that placement of veterans in 1968 represented 21 percent of all placements; the 2,550 veterans placed amounted to almost one-tenth of all veterans residing in Alaska. Placement of veterans is crucial in the effort to establish a strong economy because veterans represent the largest segment of the state's work force."