

Three Barrow Men Training For Operation of Gas Turbines

Three Barrow men have gone to San Diego to enter a three-week course in the operation of natural gas turbines and their components.

The men, Joe Upicksoun, Billie Brower and Walton Ahmaogak, were sent down by the Barrow Utilities' general manager Sam Taalak. All

three men are employees of the BU.

The men are being trained by the Solar International Harvester branch of natural gas turbines and their components.

Anthony Norris, BIA Plant Management supervisor at Barrow, was responsible for

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the selection of the men whom he thought would be capable of absorbing what Solar will teach them.

Joe Upicksoun said that Norris was well thought of at Barrow by the Eskimos. Norris has been in Barrow only a short time.

"He tries to see that the natives become absorbed in their work and accept responsibility," said Upicksoun.

"He has complete respect of the natives with whom he has worked. He has been a good liaison man between the BIA and the Barrow Utilities.

"I tell you one thing about him. He knows how to discipline the Eskimos."

Upicksoun said, however, that Norris was leaving Barrow soon to assume assignment elsewhere and the Barrow natives hated to see him leave so soon.

Upicksoun is in charge of vehicles and equipment at the Barrow Utilities.

"I'm very happy with my work," he said.