

Administration of Justice to Be Under Eye of Planning Council

JUNEAU—The administration of justice in Alaska will come under the watchful eye of a new planning council composed of both laymen and lawmen as a result of a bill signed into law last week by Gov. Walter J. Hickel.

The measure, Senate Bill 253, establishes the Governor's Planning Council on the Administration of

Criminal Justice. It becomes Chapter 83 of the Session Laws of 1968.

The new law provides for a council composed of the attorney general, Edgar Paul Boyko; the commissioners of public safety, and health and welfare, Mel J. Personett and J. Scott McDonald, respectively, and two laymen appointed by the Governor.

As he signed the bill, Hickel announced the designation of Bill Kelly, Anchorage radio and television newsman, and Ed Prince, Fairbanks business executive, as the lay council members.

Kelly has been very active, both professionally and personally, the Governor said, in news coverage and efforts to curb narcotics problems in Anchorage and throughout Alaska.

Prince, manager of the heavy equipment department for Northern Commercial Co. in Fairbanks, has been active for many years in civic affairs, particularly those intended to provide wholesome activities for

youth, including the Babe Ruth baseball program.

As the Governor penned his name to SB 253, he commented, "It is particularly gratifying to see this measure become law.

"It is imperative that Alaskans — indeed all Americans — begin to pay more attention to efforts to halt crime. We must concentrate on re-directing the potential criminal before he actually enters a life of crime. Jobs and self-dignity are the key.

"And we must continue to work to contain and rehabilitate the person already involved in a lawless life."