

Labor Task Force Meeting at Nome

Employment Development Conference is being held starting yesterday and continuing today at Nome.

It is sponsored by the Arctic Native Brotherhood, in conjunction with the Alaska State Community Action Program.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss existing and potential areas of employment for Native Alaskans. In addition, the participants will be asked to assist in exploring ways to develop a broader economic base in the Northwest.

Employment in the reindeer industry, oil exploration, transportation, construction, mining, electrification, housing and tourism will be covered.

Workshops will be held on "Jobs: Problems and Prospects," "How Jobs Are

Obtained," and "Training Opportunities." Representatives of federal and state governments and private industry will participate.

Conferees are expected to supply information such as the total number and types of positions their agency or firm has in the Northwest; the anticipated number of vacancies to be filled this year; pilot or training programs in operation or adoptable which would spur the employment and economic development of the area; and breakdown of the agency's present labor force by ethnic group.

The State Rural Labor Task Force will attend the conference, at the request of Governor Walter J. Hickel. Hickel will speak at the conference banquet Nov. 30.