

# Alyeska Announces Labor Discussions

ANCHORAGE — Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. today announced initiation of discussions with certain construction industry International Unions as a step toward construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline and related facilities now that President Nixon has signed the pipeline right-of-way legislation into law.

Representatives of Alyeska met in Washington, D.C., with the General Presidents of the Building Trades International Unions, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Frank J. Bonadio and Robert A. Georgine, representing the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, to outline a plan and approach for the negotiation of a labor agreement

to cover the project.

The negotiations of the "project labor agreement" will involve discussions with both the International Unions and their affiliated Local Unions in Alaska.

The proposed pipeline will extend from Prudhoe Bay on the North Slope to the Port of Valdez some 800 miles south. The project also includes the building of a main road north of the Yukon River to Prudhoe Bay, the pump stations to move crude oil through the pipeline and a terminal and tanker loading facility at Valdez. Tankers will transport the oil from Valdez to the U.S. West Coast.

An Alyeska spokesman said a project labor agreement is a prerequisite to the effective coordination of the complexities of a construction project of this size and to balance the many interests involved within a proper framework.

Discussions with the unions, the spokesman said, will cover many matters peculiarly unique to Alaska with particular emphasis on employment of Alaska Natives and Alaska residents. The uniqueness of the project is attributable in part to the Alaska terrain, climate variations, soil conditions, logistical requirements, environmental considerations and the remote places in Alaska where much of the construction will take place.

The company approach and procedure in the negotiation of the project agreement will be outlined to various interested parties in Alaska, such as the governor of the State of Alaska, Alaska Federation of Natives and Contractor Associations. This is necessary, the company representative said, so there will be a unified understanding of the company's objectives and approaches.

William J. Curtin, a Washington, D.C., labor relations attorney, will head the Alyeska negotiating team and will be assisted by Vincent R. D'Alessandro, director of labor relations for Atlantic Richfield Company on loan to Alyeska, E.G. Sheridan, manager of labor relations for Alyeska, and Tom J. Kofokimos, chief project manager for Alyeska.