

# 47 Employment Security Div. Violations Aired by State

Labor Commissioner Thomas J. Moore reported today that in the 12 month period ending June 30, 1969, investigators of the Employment Security Division of the Alaska Department of Labor detected 47 cases of individuals filing fraudulent claims in order to obtain unemployment insurance benefits.

Moore stated that each of the guilty persons was disqualified from receiving benefits for a period of 27 weeks, in addition to being required to repay the benefits illegally obtained.

Repayments in the amount of \$6,156.00 were demanded in the 12 month period, Moore said.

Moore warned that the making of false statements on claims for unemployment insurance is a serious offense, and could result in his department initiating criminal prosecution.

In the 12 month period, the employment security division re-

ferred 4 cases to the Department of Law for prosecution.

All were prosecuted successfully, resulting in jail sentences totaling 240 days and fines totaling \$750.00. One individual also forfeited \$5,000.00 bail, Moore said.

Moore said that the Employment Security Division acts as agent for the Railroad Retirement Board in accepting claims for unemployment insurance benefits under that program. Division investigators uncovered one case of fraudulent filing under that program.

Prosecution of the case was initiated by the U. S. Attorney and resulted in the guilty person being sentenced to a one year suspended jail sentence, placed on probation for two years, and ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$1,362.00, Moore said.