

# Arctic Gas Gets Karl Francis

**ANCHORAGE** — Appointment of Karl E. Francis, associate professor of geography at the University of Toronto for the past five years and an authority on northern land use, as director of Environmental Affairs for Alaskan Arctic Gas Pipeline Company, was announced recently by Amos T. Mathews, executive vice president of the company.

An Alaskan since 1961, Francis graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1959 with a degree in geology and mineralogy, received a M.S. degree in natural resources at Oregon State University in 1965 and was awarded a Ph.D. in geography at the University of Wisconsin in 1968. Both theses dealt with Alaskan land development with particular reference to the petroleum industry.

While in Toronto, Francis served as a consultant to the Ontario Metis and Non-Status Indian Association, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, National Indian Brotherhood and National Film Board.

During this period, he was an associate of the Institute of En-



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vironmental Studies and a member of the Northern Studies of the Institute of Environmental Studies and a member of the Northern Studies Committee and Oil Pollution Study Group.

He was also active in research on local travel in the Northwest Territories and on Native land use and occupancy.