

# Disaster unemployment assistance available

Governor Jay Hammond announced that Disaster Unemployment Assistance is available to Bethel area workers who are unemployed because of the December 2 fire which destroyed the electric power plant in that community.

Hammond said anyone whose unemployment resulted from this fire or was due to the lack of electric power which followed may qualify for this assistance. This includes individuals who were self-employed in the Bethel area.

Funds for payment of Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) are provided by the Federal Government. This is but one of the many Federal assistance programs which became available to Bethel residents when President Ford declared that community a disaster area in response to Governor Hammond's request.

Hammond said that persons who may qualify for DUA have 30 days in which to file their claims under Federal regulations. Claims may be filed at

Department of Labor Employment Centers or by writing to the Employment Security Division, P. O. Box 3-7000, Juneau, Alaska 99811.