

# NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH TO CONSTRUCT HOMES FOR PT. HOPE

North Slope Borough Mayor Eben Hopson announced today that Pt. Hope will receive 30 new three-bedroom homes this year for erection at the new Pt. Hope townsite.

Thirty well-insulated homes of modular construction have been packaged in Seattle and have been shipped to Pt. Hope by barge, and aboard the North Star III. Fifteen

of these homes will be transhipped from Kotzebue in August, and the other fifteen will arrive at Pt. Hope aboard the North Star in September.

The new homes will be owned by the North Slope Borough Housing Authority, and will be rented or purchased by families to be selected by the Pt. Hope city council. Thirty-five families

have applied for the 30 available homes. The new Pt. Hope houses will range in cost from \$46,000 to \$55,000. Low-income families receiving federal rent subsidy assistance will pay as little as \$130 per month.

The Pt. Hope housing project will be administered directly by the North Slope Borough Housing Authority which is

directed by Art Oomituk. The housing authority will act as the building contractor, and follow a strict local hire policy.

Working under the supervision of construction trades journeymen and foreman, Pt. Hope residents will be employed at a minimum hourly rate of \$9.6 per hour in the construction of the new homes for Pt. Hope.