



RUTH ROSE (right) is the first Alaska Native woman to be selected for the Alaska Operating Engineers Joint Apprentice Training Committee, IUOE Local 302, along with Mary Buroker (left) from Anchorage.



CLOSE UP — Ruth Rose (Right), Mary Buroker (Left).

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History was made June 16, 1975 for Alaska Native women! The first two women apprentices in the history of the Alaska Operating Engineers Joint Venture Apprentice Training Committee, IUOE Local 302, entered White Swan, Washington to begin eight weeks of classroom and actual operating training.

Ruth Rose from Kake, Alaska, a

19 year-old Alaska Native woman was one out of 25 apprentices selected. She is with Mary Baroker from Anchorage. She was very excited to be going to this training and is taking it very seriously.