

Fuel for Bush—

AF Prepares Airlift

The Air Force is preparing for an airlift of fuel and other supplies into Northern Alaska.

The need for essential resupply of DOD installations in the Point Barrow, Lonely, Oliktok, and Barter Island sectors is the result of abnormal icing conditions in the Arctic Ocean on Alaska's northern shore which have prevented three ocean-going barges, contracted by the Military Sealift Command, from reaching their destination.

Approximately 24 million pounds of petroleum products and other supplies from the barges will be airlifted from Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, and Eielson AFB, Fairbanks, starting Oct. 6.

Nicknamed "Coin Alaska," the operation will require some 665 missions by C-130 Hercules aircraft and 26 flights by commercial airline L-100s for the movement of these essential supplies.

Cargo is for the Naval Arctic Research Lab at Barrow; the Naval Pet-4 Oil Exploration Project at Barrow and for Barrow, Lonely, Oliktok, and Barter Island Distant Early Warning

Stations under the control of the Aerospace Defense Command.

The Military Airlift Command, with Headquarters at Scott AFB, Ill., will use 14 C-130s with dual crews.

The Alaskan Air Command will also provide the services of personnel and equipment at Eielson and Elmendorf.

C-130s and aircrews will be provided by the 314th Tactical Airlift Wing (TAW), Little Rock AFB, Arkansas; 317th TAW, Pope AFB, N.C.; 463rd TAW, Dyess AFB, Tex.; 17th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; 36th Tactical Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Washington, and 37th TAS, Langley AFB, Virginia.