

# Vietnamese on Alaska Pipeline Job

ANCHORAGE — A Vietnamese who, with his family, was among the first to be evacuated from Saigon, is now cheerfully bracing himself for the full onslaught of a North Slope winter.

Thu Van Dang is working for BP Alaska as a clerk in one of the company's construction camps.

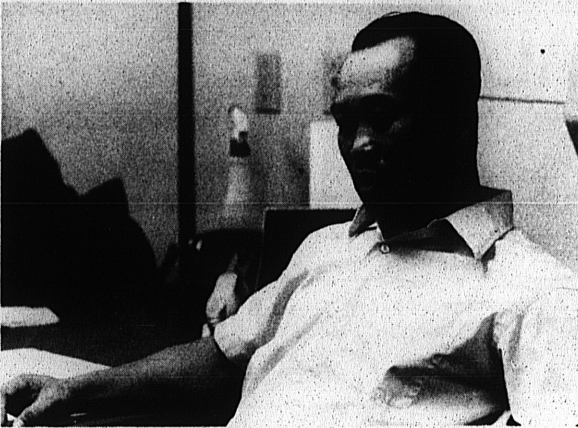
"I like this kind of work. These are good people — I might end up the rest of my life here!" he said with a smile.

Temperatures have already plummeted to a chill factor equivalent of minus 70 degrees below zero, but Thu, who has never been out of the tropics before, is undaunted.

"When my American friends heard we were coming to Alaska they said we would freeze to death or have to live in igloos," he said.

Thu, who worked for the U.S. Embassy and the Agency for International Development in Saigon, and his wife have a family of five children all of whom are with them in Alaska.

Thu was befriended by Brig. General James H. Herbert (U.S.



Army Retired) a former chief of staff for the Alaskan Command, and he took the general's advice in coming to Alaska.

He arrived here with his family on June 8 and a month later was working at Prudhoe Bay with BP.

## Haines to Expand Boat Harbor

WASHINGTON — Expansion of the small boat harbor at Haines received initial approval by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works.

The Haines project was added

by the Corps of Engineers to its list of projects for funding in fiscal 1976 on the request of Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska.

Gravel said that in order to get the project included for immediate funding, he urged the Corps to revise its data on Section 107 projects and include the Haines project on that list.

This required getting an additional allocation for Section 107 projects to assure funding for the \$927,000 federal share for Haines.

The Haines project was not included in the House version of the Public Works appropriations for the Section 107 navigation projects, and Gravel said it will be necessary to have the funds retained in the Senate bill and held there when the bill goes back to the House to work out the differences between the two bills.

Gravel said he will continue to work to see that these funds are retained for the Haines project, which has been given a high priority by the state administration.

The subcommittee added \$1.5 million for the Section 107 projects. With its inclusion on the Corps project list, Haines would be eligible for \$600,000 in fiscal 1976 with \$327,000 available in the transitional three months.

# ACS Awarded Grant

The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration has awarded a \$72,000 grant to the Alaska Court System to provide for the development of a planning program by the Office of the Administrative Director to engage in statewide evaluation of court activities and to develop both short and long-range planning programs for the court system.

The grant provides for the hiring of a court planning specialist, a research analyst and for clerical support. The research analyst in this program was hired this week following the announcement of the grant award last week during the meeting of the Governor's Commission on the Administration of Justice in Sitka.

The planning staff will be responsible for predicting future levels of court activity based on such factors as population growth, economic development, and the programs or activities of other agencies in the criminal justice system. The staff will be responsible for the development of both short range and long-range plans to assure necessary allocation of the resources of the court system to meet projected needs.

The planning staff will also be responsible for liaison with other criminal justice agencies to facilitate the exchange of information necessary for the planning process.

A major responsibility of the planning staff will be a comprehensive assessment of judicial requirements in the Bush areas of the state.

This assessment will be conducted in five large areas of the state containing about 100 villages which do not have magistrates or representatives of any of the other criminal justice agencies. These areas include northwest Alaska, the lower Kuskokwim River and Bristol Bay area, the Yukon River and Interior Alaska, the Upper Kuskokwim River and the Aleutian Islands.

During the past two years a judicial information system has been developed by Mel Martin, manager of technical operations for the Alaska Court System, which is providing information on court activities.

This information requires comprehensive analysis to be useful in developing a plan-

ning program and a research analyst, Mrs. Leanne Culp, was hired this week under the planning grant to begin this analysis. Martin said she will also be responsible for analyzing information from sources outside the court system which can help predict future demands for judicial services.

Mrs. Culp, a 1972 graduate of the University of Idaho in business administration, has been a research specialist and traffic engineer assistant with RCA Alaska Communications for the past three years. She is the first person to be hired by the administrative office of the Alaska Court System under the LEAA grant.

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