

# Gas pipeline to be debated

The three companies proposing to build gas pipelines from Prudhoe Bay will debate the issue in Anchorage on Saturday, September 11.

Co-sponsors of the seminar are OMAR and the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce.

Debate participants will be: W. D. Owens of Alcan Pipeline Company, Robert Ward of Arctic Gas Company, and John Bennett of El Paso-Alaska.

According to Bill Sheffield, President of the Alaska State

Chamber of Commerce, each participant will be given 20 minutes to explain his project and ten minutes for rebuttal. A question-and-answer period will enable persons attending the seminar to ask questions about the proposals.

Master of ceremonies will be Don Dickey, Executive Director of the State Chamber and Governor Jay Hammond will welcome participants and give opening remarks.

An expert panel, said OMAR President Robert Penny, will provide information on the financiability of each proposal, the safety of liquid natural gas (LNG) transportation, and each proposal's effects on American labor. Participants include: Carson McKissick, partner in the financial firm, Lehman Brothers, Inc., Rear Admiral Jolin B. Hayes, 17th Coast Guard District, and Jesse Carr, Secretary-Treasurer, Teamster Local 959.

The program begins at 8:30 AM in the Grand Ballroom, Anchorage Westward Hotel. Registration fee is \$7.50 which includes lunch. Efforts to obtain a nationally prominent speaker for the luncheon are being continued. Reservations may be made by calling 337-1844 or 278-9615.

According to Sheffield, "This seminar is one of the most important events taking place this year and we are looking forward to a large turnout. Each company will be afforded this unbiased forum for telling Alaskans of their pipeline plans."