

RCA installs computer Telex Exchange in Anchorage

Anchorage—RCA Alaska Communications, Inc., has installed a new Computer Telex Exchange in Anchorage which will greatly increase telex capacity and improve service to existing customers.

The digital computer, manufactured by Frederick Electronics, increases the number of telex circuits between Anchorage and Fairbanks, Juneau and the Lower 48. The new exchange can be easily expanded to meet future needs for telex, which is among the fastest growing services offered by Alascom.

Telex service enables Alaska customers to send written messages to any other telex customer by dialing or keying in a number. The service costs less than a long distance telephone call and provides the user with a written record. Telex service is offered worldwide. Currently,

there are nearly 800 telex customers in Alaska.

The new exchange replaces a Siemens Electromechanical Telex Exchange which had reached its full capacity. The electromechanical equipment will be put into service this summer in Fairbanks and Juneau to relieve shortages of capacity and permit new telex installations in those cities and their tributaries.

In Alaska, telex service can be offered wherever there are available telegraph channels. Public telex service is available at Alascom public service counters in Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau.

Alascom's new telex computer is of the most advance design available and provides customers with a wide range of features. Frederick Electronics has about 40 such systems in operation in various parts of the world.