



NEW HOUSING UNITS for Tyonek move off ATCO Structures, Inc., fabrication line in Anchorage.

Tyonek housing project nears completion

A \$2.4 million project which will provide 27 new housing units for residents of Tyonek is nearing completion, according to the Cook Inlet Native Association (CINA).

The modular units of two, three, and four bedrooms, ranging from 960 to 1,200 square feet, were fabricated by ATCO Structures, Inc., of Anchorage in its first venture into the construction of residential structures.

Funding for the project

came through the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Indian Mutual Help Program. ATCO worked with the CINA's employment and training department to insure Native preference for the labor on the units.

Five carpenters were selected from the village of Tyonek for the project and moved to Anchorage through a subsidy from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Native hire made up almost 33 percent of the

labor force and ATCO officials say they are pleased with the results. There is a possibility of permanent hire for the Native carpenters upon completion of the project, officials said.

Construction began in late January with a scheduled completion date in late April. The units will be moved to Tyonek for stitching or final construction by May 15, and a target date for occupancy will be July 1. The units are completely furnished, including appliances.