

Rader Urges Training For Oil Industry Work

John Rader, Democratic candidate for the United States House of Representatives, urged an immediate meeting of Federal and State agencies and oil companies for the purpose of establishing adult education programs, including on-the-job training, to insure that Alaskans are qualified in the skills necessary to put the North

Slope oil discovery into production.

Commenting on his proposal contained in letters sent to Governor Hickel and several federal agencies Rader said, "This program would teach skills required in all phases of oil production. It would include construction, drilling, pumping, pipeline work and all related support operations."

"We have the students...we have the schools," Rader said. "The Cook Inlet Basin could serve as a training ground in oil production for the unemployed of the North Slope areas. When training is completed, the oil producers of the North Slope will have a skilled work force to provide permanent, stable support because these Alaskans are acclimated to the rigors of the environment."