

Fairbanks BIA Agency Problems

SEATTLE, April 21 — Clarence Antioquia, area director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, met with representatives of Civil Service Commission here today to explore alternative solutions to personnel problems at the Bureau's Fairbanks agency.

Antioquia will travel to Washington, D.C. Monday evening to meet with Indian Affairs Commisisoner Morris Thompson regarding a number of subject areas including problems of the Fairbanks agency.

Antioquia said he was concerned with problems of recruitment for vacancies at the Fairbanks office, as well as the critical housing problems which affect Bureau employes as well as all Fairbanks residents.

He said, "I will deal with problems which the Bureau faces in the Fairbanks area directly and as best we can in Juneau area office. Many of these problems affect not only the Bureau of Indian Affairs but also many other government agencies, and

we will attempt to address the situations on an agency basis.

"Pipeline activity has presented a challenge which concerns all major employers in Fairbanks

area. I am moving as quickly as possible at this time to find some

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workable methods of alleviating specific problems encountered by Fairbanks employees."

One specific proposal which the area director will persue is the possibility of making available government houses. Including lots for mobile homes, to Bureau employees.

He added, "I have requested meetings with appropriate Bureau of Indian Affairs administrators in Washington to determine whether federal facilities may be utilized to assist Bureau employees in overcoming the critical housing shortage in Fairbanks."s,

Antioquia plans to return to Alaska from Washington on Friday.