

# Traveler's Inn Addition To Be Completed Mar.

It was announced last week that a \$3,000,000 addition to the Traveler's Inn in Fairbanks is scheduled for completion in mid-March.

The announcement was made by Hans Beckerwerth, general manager for Hickel Investment Company of Anchorage which owns and operates the facility.

The Traveler's Inn expansion will include 136 new rooms, a new kitchen, a new restaurant and a new banquet-ballroom facility.

In addition, the present coffee shop and Kobuk Dining Room will be enlarged.

The additions will make the Traveler's Inn the largest hotel complex in Fairbanks and one of the largest in the state.

Beckerwerth said that the expansion will better enable Fairbanks to cater to conventions as well as the city's major social events.

The additional 134 rooms will bring the total room capacity of the Fairbanks Traveler's Inn to 236 rooms. Beckerwerth said that 90 per cent of the present room capacity is booked nearly the entire year with solid bookings during many periods.

The new restaurant, named the Bear and Seal, will seat 100 for dinner and cocktails. Scheduled to open in January, the Bear and Seal will feature an English pub atmosphere created by Arthur Morgan of Seattle, who is the interior designer for the addition.

The menu in the Bear and Seal will include steaks and chops. A specialty of the house will be prime rib or beef carved at the table and purchased by the ounce. Several English specialties such as Beef Wellington will also be on the menu.

The new banquet-ballroom will retain the name of the former facility—the Gold Room. Its 7,500 square foot area will be able to accommodate up to 600 persons for banquets and other functions.

The new rooms will be located in a four-story tower behind the present facility. All rooms will be fully carpeted and furnished with modern interiors.

Each will be equipped with a shower-tub combination, individually controlled thermostat, radio, television and telephone.

The old Kobuk Dining Room will be expanded and redecorated to seat 105 persons. An added feature in the new Kobuk Room will be a stage for live entertain-

ment.

In addition the present coffee shop will be expanded to seat 100 persons.

To service the new dining facilities a 3,000 square foot kitchen area, featuring the latest in equipment has been included in the expansion.

The Traveler's Inn will add 40 new employees to its staff of 80 to accommodate the new facilities.

The architect for the addition is the firm of Crittenden, Cassetta, Wirum & Cannon of Anchorage. The contractor is Hickel Construction of Anchorage.

In addition to the Traveler's Inn in Fairbanks, Hickel Investment Company owns and operates three hotels in Anchorage—the Captain Cook Hotel, the Traveler's Inn and the Parsons Hotel.