

# ***Fraudulent Claims***

JUNEAU—During 1971, Department of Labor investigators initiated action against 18 persons who had filed fraudulent claims for unemployment compensation.

Six claimants were successfully prosecuted in the courts and 12 were disqualified from receiving unemployment compensation benefits for 27 weeks by administrative decisions.

The six brought to trial were sentenced to a total of 400 days in jail and fined a total of \$1275. Three hundred days of their jail time and \$600 in fines were suspended by the courts.

However, they were also denied the right to collect benefits for 27 weeks. In addition, over \$5000 in overpayments were assessed against all 18 violators.

Various methods were used in the discovery of the frauds. They included regular audits of employer reports and jail listings as well as tips from Manpower Center claims takers and concerned citizens.