

Employment Drive—

Doyon Adds 500 Names for Pipeline

FAIRBANKS—Nearly 500 of the names on the swelling list of pipeline worker hopefuls of Laborers Union Local 942 in Fairbanks were added in a massive employment drive of Doyon, Limited.

That effort so far has added 465 names to the "C" list of the laborers local, said Doyon's Native Planning Administrator, Chris Anderson this week.

All laborers jobs on the trans-Alaska pipeline will be channeled through the Fairbanks local, whose "C" list has swelled to 1,353 since Jan. 1.

Last year that list, which is revised annually on a first come, first serve basis, had a total of 1,006 all year.

Jobs go first to union veterans with 600 or more hours in the union on the "A" list and to union members on the "B" list with fewer hours of union work to their credit.

The "C" list comes next and in a poor season, like 1973, their chances are slim for employment.

Yet 1974 is expected to be a good season and depending on when pipeline work begins, chances of a good job with union scale wages could be excellent, noted Doyon, Limited, regional Native corporation for the Interior.

Anderson, who has headed the employment drive for Doyon, said the corporation also would have someone in the office monitoring employment for the pipeline and related jobs.

Early in December, Anderson began compiling at the Fairbanks headquarters of Doyon piles of forms for the laborer's local, the state labor resources bank and training programs directed by the state and various unions.

"We wanted to know just how many people wanted to work, especially those who were not employed, and begin to get them employed," said John C. Sackett, president of Doyon, Limited.

"The obvious first step was a survey, to get some definite answers for ourselves and to distribute information about employment throughout the Native villages of the Interior."

Doyon plans to take advantage of materials supplied on a variety of apprenticeship programs.

That project is a cooperative venture of the Associated General Contractors, Alaska chapter; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Federation of Natives Inc., Mechanical Contractors of Alaska, National Electrical Contractors Association and the Southern Alaska chapter of the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America.

Also the joint apprenticeship committees of the Asbestos Workers, Bricklayers, Carpenters, Electrical Workers, Ironworkers, Laborers, Painters, Piledrivers, Plasters and Cement Masons, Plumbers and Pipefitters, Roofers and Sheetmetal Workers unions.

Native Oral Literature--

Library Association Assn. Project

By MARILYN RICHARDS

The Alaska Native Oral Literature Project of the Alaska Library Association began in July of 1973.

Through a Manpower Development Training Act grant from the Alaska Federation of Natives and from additional funding from the Tanana Chiefs Conference, the project has collected over 500 stories on audio tape from over 150 sources. Nearly all of the storytellers have been over 60 years old and some were reputed to be over 100.

This vast collection of stories, histories, and songs are from the Yupik, Inupiat, Aleut and Athabaskan languages. Many have not been published before. Whenever possible the stories were first obtained in the Native language accompanied later by its English translation.

According to Vera Oovi Kane-shiro, formerly of St. Lawrence Island and now working with the Native Language Workshop at the University of Alaska, the project hopes to expand to provide the public with easy accessibility to the tapes.

The master tapes will be stored in the Archives of the University of Alaska Library. State-Operated Schools has agreed to make copies of the tapes for distribution to the SOS schools and their three regional libraries.

Plans are in the offing for a series of radio programs and for a printed publication for distribution to both rural and urban areas in the state. The collection would be broadcast at least twice monthly via the Applied Technology Satellite (ATS-1), to be launched in April, to 22 villages

equipped with receivers.

There would be 13 radio programs that would include thematic, ethnological, geographical and linguistic information to enhance its audience appreciation and understanding of the series.

The stories would also be broadcast in both the Native language it was originally recorded with and its English translation. The planned publication would also include the same information.

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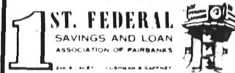
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 - c. Be appointed from a list of not less than three officers submitted to the Governor by a joint resolution of the Officers and Enlisted Men's Associations
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