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.