

# 45 Rural Alaskans Have Jobs Waiting for Them

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**JUNEAU**—Jobs are waiting for the 45 rural Alaskans who complete the seismic prospecting crew training classes in Anchorage, Commissioner of Labor Thomas J. Moore reported.

According to the commissioner, the classes are divided into two sections. The first one started August 18 and ended September 20. The second began September 2 and will finish on October 4. There were 23 enrollees in the first class and 22 in the second.

"Seismic prospecting employers have guaranteed permanent winter time jobs to all graduates of the two courses," Moore stated. "Seismic operations begin in October and run through May covering the normally high un-

employment months in Northwestern Alaska."

The commissioner said a majority of the trainees are "entry level" students. They are receiving training as driller, observer and mechanic helpers. A few are receiving advance training to upgrade their skills.

The seismic prospecting crew training classes are a joint operation of the Western Geophysical Company, United Geophysical Corporation, the Department of Labor and the office of Vocational Education in the Department of Education.

Western Geophysical and United are supplying members of their staffs as instructors, equipment and facilities.

The Department of Labor recruited the trainees and is providing transportation and living allowances plus follow-ups with employers after the training is over.

Vocational Education is coordinating the project and paying the cost of instructional materials and instructors' salaries.

A third class in seismic prospecting crew training is scheduled to start in January.



## SEISMIC PROSPECTORS

**JOB WAITING**—Rural native Alaskans have a bright prospect, 45 of them, of having jobs waiting for them when they complete the seismic prospecting crew training classes in Anchorage. The men are training as drillers, observers and mechanic helpers. They are training under the joint operation of the Western Geophysical Company, United Geophysical Corporation, State Labor Department and the office of Vocational Education of the Department of Education. Shown are: Sherman Sikuayugeak, left, Barrow; Jack Ekak, center, and Jack Panik, both of Wainwright.