

# 33,000 Shoes for Pipeline

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, November 25, 1974—American Bridge Division of United States Steel Corporation has received a purchase order of approximately \$180 million to fabricate about 33,000 pipeline shoes for the trans Alaska pipeline.

The shoes are supports consisting of steel platforms and clamps that will be used on the above ground sections of the pipeline. The contract to American Bridge was announced by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, the firm responsible for the design, construction and operation of the pipeline.

About 382 miles of the 798 mile-long pipeline will be elevated above ground in areas where thawing of permafrost would cause erosion or other undesirable conditions.

In the above ground construction mode, the 48-inch diameter pipe will be clamped in the shoe assemblies. Each shoe will rest on a crossbeam installed between two vertical supports set in the ground. The underside of the base of each shoe will be Teflon-coated and will be free to slide on the crossbeam.

This design will permit lateral and longitudinal movement of the pipeline when caused by thermal expansion or seismic movement.

American Bridge is fabricating the shoes at four California plants—in Fresno, San Francisco, Antioch, and Los Angeles. Shipment of the shoes is to begin in February 1975 and continue for about 14 months.

American Bridge has subcontracted a portion of its contract to Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., of Toledo, Ohio, to fabricate the molded insulation for the shoe assemblies. The subcontract to Owens-Corning is valued at about \$9 million.

Owens-Corning previously was awarded a contract by Alyeska to supply the insulation for the above ground sections of pipe. That contract is valued at \$70 million.

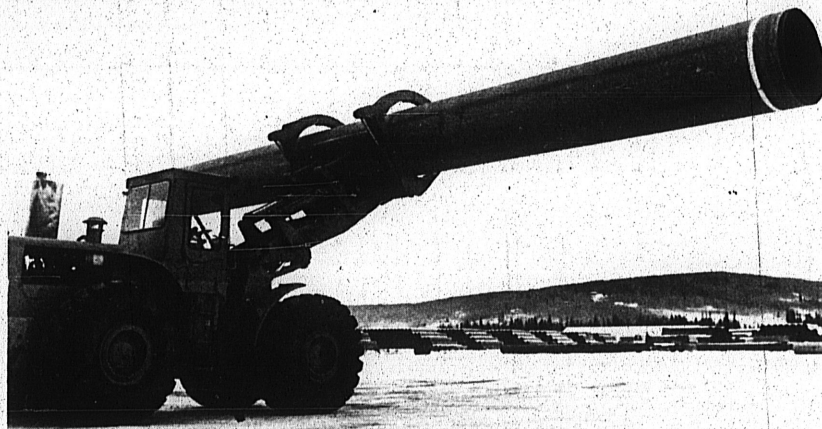
## Northway Area Gets RCA Line

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—RCA Alaska Communications, Inc., announced recently it has established a long distance telephone interconnection with the new local exchange serving the Northway area.

RCA Alascom President Stephen D. Heller said the interconnection with the new local exchange operated by the Sitka/Southeastern Telephone Co. will improve telephone service to the Northway area.

The new local exchange in Northway will eliminate the need which previously existed to have every telephone in the Northway area connected directly to the TOK exchange some 70 miles away via so called Rural telephone service.

The Northway exchange, with about 35 initial subscribers, interconnects with RCA Alascom's long distance circuits for intra-



IT'S NOT REALLY Alaska's version of the "Big Bertha" cannon . . . it's a 60-foot-long section of pipe at a pipe storage yard in Fairbanks. The 48-inch-diameter pipe for the trans-Alaska pipeline is being readied for shipment to points along the 798-mile-long pipeline route. Full-scale pipeline construction is expected to be under way in the early spring of 1975.

state and interstate communications service.

The new exchange replaces RCA Alascom rural telephone service in Northway. Rural telephone service in Northway. Rural telephone service is one means of extending service to remote areas which have no local telephone exchanges of their own.

When one Northway subscriber called another, the call was

transmitted along an open wire to Tok where it was switched back to another Northway subscriber's telephone.

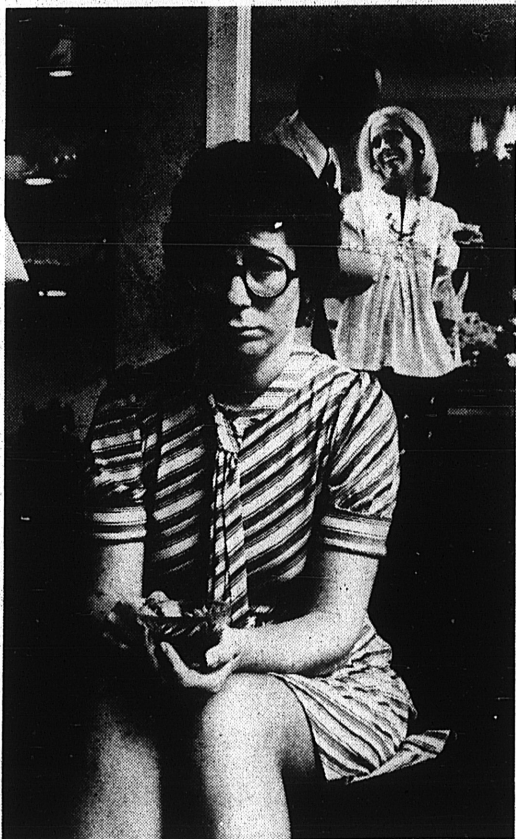
Installation of the local exchange improves the quality of service by eliminating many miles of circuits to serve local telephone calls.

Since RCA Alascom became Alaska's certificated long lines

carrier in 1971, new telephone exchanges have been installed by local telephone companies at Cooper Landing, Unalaska, Iliamna, Aniak, Shishmaref, Klawock and Gustavus.

More exchanges are planned by local telephone companies with interconnections to RCA Alascom long distance circuits in the future.

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## Pipeline Workers . . .

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Alyeska, were not being hired.

Now AFN is going beyond the contract established originally and Lestenkof says pipeline contractors may be expected to hire Alaskans first when they gear up again starting Jan. 6.

"I'm encouraged," Lestenkof added. "We have a listing now and we know where we stand."

Under the contract with Alyeska, AFN is responsible for recruiting, screening and referring potential Native pipeline workers to the Alaska State Employment Center, which was only able to hold them or put them to work in state jobs due to the nature of union hiring policies.

Through implementation of a new Job Assistance Center (JAC) program, AFN will establish urban area listings of avail-

able persons and provide expertise for getting them into pipeline jobs.

"The past system was designed just to collect applications," Lestenkof said. "Now I hope we can develop a system which can follow-through on them and get them into the workforce."

As of Dec. 20, some 311 persons have been identified by the AFN Manpower Division as being ready. Another 400 or so are ready for training.

"We really want people who are job ready," Lestenkof said. "And by job ready, we mean they should have a desire to work and they should be prepared to work. Otherwise they just hurt the credibility of our whole program if they sign up and aren't really job ready when they've said they are."

## Educ. Near Home . . .

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porting development of a substantive coordinated effort to address the needs of Native Alaskan citizens. In addition it urged the university's Academic Development Plan Committee to incorporate explicit recommendations into the future plans, thereby constituting a clear and genuine commitment.

At that time, Frank Darnell, a member of the board representing the Center for Northern Educational Research (CNER) expressed concern that such a program might not be representative of the proper role of the university. However, other members urged the role of the university to become more in tune with educational needs of all Alaskans.

Eikvall, in the most recent meeting of the task force in Anchorage, suggested that all present programs for higher education be expanded and modified. This would include the rural community colleges, the Alaska Methodist University off-

campus programs, the Antioch-Sheldon Jackson consortium, the Tanana Chiefs Land Claims College, the U of A External Degree Program and individual corporation training program.

In addition the suggested plan would include a presidential level representative within the U of A in charge of overseeing and lending executive-level clout to the project.

CNER will be holding an advisory council meeting in Anchorage Jan. 7 and ANHRDP will meet here the following day. The task force proposal is expected to be completed by then for presentation to the ANHRDP council.

### NOTICE

There is a small inheritance for John Loneran whose mother was Olive Atkins of Lakeville, Connecticut, and who was born in Providence, Rhode Island. His sister Virginia told me he had moved to Fairbanks two years ago, and that he might have a daughter Patricia in Nome and a son Michael. If any lead regarding his whereabouts, contact John A. Rand, Salsbury, Connecticut 06068.