

Gov. Creates Commission to Look Into Native Job Situations

Last week, Governor Walter J. Hickel appointed a ten-member Rural Affairs Commission, Labor Task Force to which he referred as an employment advisory commission to the Governor.

The task force held its first meeting at the Captain Cook Hotel last Tuesday and elected Harry Carter of Kodiak as its chairman.

The Commission, the Governor said in his letter to the members, was created to advise the State Chief

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Executive of employment and unemployment problems in the rural areas of the state and to look into ways of improving the native job situation.

Gov. Hickel appointed the following men to the commission: Harry Carter, Kodiak; Rep. Bill Hensley, Kotzebue; Rep. Carl Moses, Unalaska on the Aleutian Chain; Jerry Crow, Barrow; Richard Frank, Minto and Fairbanks; Jeff David, Haines; Harvey Samuelson, Bethel; Jerome Trigg, Nome; George Attla, Huslia; and Howard Rock, Fairbanks.

The Anchorage meeting drew eleven speakers from various state and federal agencies as well as labor union officials.

Bob Arnold of the Federal Field Committee for Alaska spoke on that committee's report, the Alaska Natives and Federal Hire.

George Attla was not able to attend the first part of the meeting in Anchorage due to transportation problems from his home village of Huslia.