

Maintenance Shops For Nome, Bethel

Senator Gruening announced last week that Army aviation maintenance shops will be built at Bethel and Nome for the Alaska National Guard as emergency projects at a cost of approximately \$210,000 each.

These projects are in a first priority position on the Alaska National Guard program, he was advised by the chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson.

The senator said "Plans for another Alaska National Guard project estimated to cost about \$750,000, a combined support and field training site maintenance shop, have been returned to the state of Alaska, Department of Military Affairs for additional justification and cost estimates."

This project which is the state's second priority will be programmed for construction as soon as possible, Gen. Wilson assured the

senator.

Construction is expected in Fiscal Year 1970.

"The National Guard Bureau has informed me further," Senator Gruening said, that the first \$600,000 increment of construction for Camp Carroll annual field training site, in the state's third priority and will follow.

Eleven village armories estimated to cost a total of approximately \$700,000 will be built later under the final State priority."

General Wilson has assured the senator that the National Guard Bureau is well aware of the need for additional improved facilities in Alaska.