

220 Per Cent More Workers If Pipeline on

Employment in the northern region of the state is expected to increase by 220 per cent (5,900 workers) during the second year of construction, with most of the workers employed directly in pipeline construction, the research firm noted in its survey for Alyeska.

Most of the construction force (97 per cent) is expected to live in work camps built especially for the project. But the size of the force is still expected to impose unique pressures on the rest of the area's extremely thin economy.

Secondary employment is expected to double, with about 400 workers added to the business and repair service labor force and another 100 workers added to the retail labor force.

All facilities and services will be strained, the company said. But housing in particular will require special attention to meet the influx of population. An inability to supply adequate housing could deter projected growth.

In making its predictions, the

(Continued on page 6)

Pipeline . . .

(Continued from page 1)

firm assumed that the pipeline road will not be open to the public during the construction period.

If the road is opened, economic development of the area could be significantly accelerated and there could be substantial shifts in the size and locations of the population and employment increases, the firm predicted.

"Deadhorse and Prudhoe Bay may well become boom towns as the northern terminus of the transportation network, and some of the growth projected for Barrow may move there if such a community develops," the report said.

Medical service, police and fire protection and the court system will also be strained beyond existing manpower and facilities during construction, the firm found.