

State Hiring Procedure Unclear in Kotzebue

Applicants Misled on Manpower Job

Levi Mills, Jr. has been named manager of the Kotzebue Manpower Center, the Alaska Department of Labor announced October 13. According to the announcement, Mills assumed his position on October 18, following a two-week training period in Fairbanks.

The procedure followed in recruiting for his position has revealed an apparent discrepancy in the Labor Department's hiring practices. An advertisement in the KOTZEBUE NEWS last month announced that applications for the Manpower mana-

ger's job would be open until October 12.

Even after Mills was sent to Fairbanks for training to assume that position, applicants in Kotzebue were told that the position was still open.

A story in the October 6 issue of the KOTZEBUE NEWS said, "Levi Mills Jr. will be the new Manpower director. He is now in Fairbanks receiving training."

Last week, after the Alaska State Labor Department announced Mills' appointment, officials of that agency were continuing

to interview applicants.

Contrary to information contained in the announcement, applicants were told that Mills' appointment was only temporary.

"I am so surprised that they lied right to my face," one applicant told the Tundra Times.

Mills was born in Deering and graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School. He formerly worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Kotzebue.