

Equal Employment-

Ten-Member Committee Hold Hearings

FAIRBANKS — Public hearings by the ten-member Governor's Equal Employment Opportunity Committee is due to get underway on Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Traveler's Inn.

Advance men began arriving to establish contacts with the witnesses scheduled to appear.

A spokesman for the committee said that state agency officials would not be required to present testimony as previously announced.

The prime reason for the forum is to hear any and all persons regarding state personnel system and minority hire by the state government.

On hand to respond to questions from committee members and the public will be Patrick L. Hunt, director, Division of Personnel.

The committee is chaired by

Larry Oskoloff of Anchorage where he serves as EEO officer for the U.S. Postal Service.

Other members include Byron Mallott, commissioner, Department of Community and Regional Affairs; Robert Willard, executive director, Alaska State Commission for Human Rights; Emil Notti, executive director, Alaska Native Foundation;

Jon Carter, executive secretary, Alaska State Employees Association; Charlie Mae Moore of the Juneau Community College; Cal Williams, president Anchorage NAACP; and J. P. Jones, president, Fairbanks NAACP.

Two vacancies that exist still have to be filled by the governor.

The hearings will commence at 9 a.m. Friday and are open to the public.

Appointed to Law of the Sea

JUNEAU—Governor William A. Egan has been appointed to an advisory committee established by the State Department to help formulate United States policy for the 1974 Law of the Sea Conference in Geneva.

It is the first time for a governor to have a direct role in those policy proceedings and Egan called it "a signal honor" to be named to the advisory post.

"It is my understanding," Egan said, "that I will be one of two governors representing the states, the first time that the states have been given this highly important form of participation."

Concerns which will be considered at the Law of the Sea Conference include offshore minerals development, maritime transportation, marine pollution, oceanic research and fisheries rights.

"I consider this appointment to be a signal honor," Egan said, "and recognize the obligations and responsibilities involved in such an assignment."

He said Alaska "with one-third of the entire coastline of the United States is particularly concerned with the important decisions that will evolve from the Law of the Sea Conference."

"At the same time, I fully recognize that in carrying out my duties on the advisory committee I will be faced with complexities which relate to other concerns along the western, southern and eastern seaboard of the United States."

The governor added, "This recognition that the governors of the states should be permitted official status in providing input into the program that will be presented at Geneva as official U.S. policy is a great step forward over the manner in which

this nation's Law of the Sea policy was formulated in the past.

"It is with great enthusiasm that I look forward to the discussions toward policy formulation that will take place within the framework of the Law of the Sea Advisory Committee."

Grant to AFN To Aid Regionals

A program to provide assistance in business development and management to rural communities in Alaska will be carried out under a grant announced by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The one-year, \$233,414 grant will be to the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., of Anchorage. Twelve Native Alaskan regional corporations will be served.

Emphasis of the program will be on developing native-owned housing construction companies through which poor people can participate in the five-year Indian Housing Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Under this program, 1200 homes a year are to be built in Alaska.

The Alaska Federation of Natives has been designated a statewide housing authority with responsibility for managing this program. Skills developed in managing the housing programs are also expected to be useful to the regional corporations in operating the Native Claims Settlement of 1971.

After the AFN develops its professional staff, it plans to duplicate its technical capabilities in each of the twelve Native Alaskan Regional Corporations.

Executive Director of the project is Mr. Harry Carter.

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Sam Kito After Seat 'E' on City Council

Sam Kito, Executive Director of Tanana Chiefs Conference, has announced his intention to seek election to Seat "E" on the City Council.

Kito, age 34, is very active in a number of Civic Organizations in Fairbanks. He serves as Vice-President of the Fairbanks Native Association; is on the Borough's Vocational Education Advisory Council, is a member on the Governor's State Vocational Advisory Council and on the Governor's Rural Affairs Commission.

Kito is married. He, his wife, Judy and their four children live at 1117 Sunset Drive. He is a former member of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board.

Kito stated, "If local government is to be responsive and effective for the needs of the community, it is the responsibility of the voters to see that their representatives are active in a variety of community affairs."

The representatives of the community must be in touch with the needs of the people and must be involved in activities that provide this type of awareness.

"Business interest is only one segment of our population and we need broader representation if our government is to be what we want it to be."

Kito intends to work for a community where one can live and raise a family comfortably with adequate community resources to do so.