

Gravel, Notti Set Date for Job Conference

A massive assault on problems of Alaska's hard core unemployed was announced last week by Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska.

To spearhead the assault, Gravel said that a conference will be held in Anchorage next week on Mar. 31 and April 1, to map a program for moving Alaskans into oil-related jobs.

The job conference was jointly called by Sen. Gravel, Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, and executives of three major oil companies involved in operations on the North Slope.

"Work for our native people has been a major concern of AFN and we have gotten an on-the-job training contract to improve the situation," said Emil Notti in Fairbanks today.

"The conference called by the Senator and myself is just a natural followup of a concern that has been with us for some time," continued Notti. "The time is here when we must take

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positive steps to insure that native people and other Alaskans have a chance at all of the expected jobs that will be opened up."

Notti said it was time for the state and federal agencies to make a determined effort to wipe out joblessness because the opportunities were here.

"We must leave this conference," Notti stated, "with a firm outline of how people will be trained and put to work. The oil companies have expressed considerable interest in doing the right thing and move toward training and hiring more native people. In the interest of putting Alaskans to work, the state and federal people must do no less."

Oil companies that will be represented at the conference will be Atlantic Richfield, Humble Oil, and British Petroleum.