

# Regional Job Conference Now in Progress in City of Fairbanks

(Editor's Note: Last Friday, we erroneously publicized the Fairbanks Regional Job Development Conference as taking place last Thursday and Friday (Mar. 20-21). We were a week early. The conference started yesterday and will wind up today at the Boatel. We are sorry for the error.)

On Thursday and Friday of this week, over 200 individuals will gather at the Boatel to participate in a Fairbanks Regional Job Development Conference.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights, the Fairbanks Native Association, and the Fairbanks Area Inter-agency Council.

The purpose of the conference is to explore ways and

means to bring available jobs and Alaskan job-seekers together. Equal employment opportunity for native and other minority workers will be emphasized, as

well as local hire. Also to be discussed will be the economic development potential of the Fairbanks area.

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The prevailing concept of leading economists is that no business concern can go it alone without community acceptance and fair and equal employment policies.

It is for this reason that officials of federal, state, and private agencies have cooperated in scheduling this conference which will include representatives of business, education, government, and labor, and a program that will encompass leading state and local experts in economic and employment areas.

The theme of this meeting is "Jobs + Alaskans = Profit + Progress." In explaining the conference theme, Mrs. Laurel L. Bland, publication's committee chairman and the conference committee coordinator, said:

"Jobs—we want to see that every man and woman in Alaska who wants a job is able to get a job. We hope that our Alaskans who need these jobs and want these jobs will be there on the spot ready to go to work.

"Bringing numbers of people in from the outside doesn't help Alaska and the Alaskan people. Profit—we're all interested in profit at any level; and, of course, progress means economic development, it means better living conditions for everyone, it means getting away from this pattern of seasonal work,—year round employment can't help but mean progress all along the line."