

Coal Deposits in Southeast May Be Activated

Commissioner Frank H. Murkowski of the Department of Economic Development today called attention to a recent announcement that the Cortella Coal Corporation of Cordova has shipped 7,778 pounds of coal samples to five of the leading coal importers in Japan.

"We look upon this move as the beginning of a great industry in the Prince William Sound

area," Murkowski said.

Exploration conducted this summer disclosed an excess of eight million tons of recoverable coal reserves in a 16 acre tract. Murkowski noted that present plans indicate an initial production of up to 500 thousand tons of coal annually.

Continued exploration is planned to obtain geological infor-

mation on additional coal deposits which will, hopefully, increase the production output.

"The Cortella Coal Corporation has expressed an interest in educating Alaskans to fill most

of its employee requirements. Preliminary estimates place employment at 150 to 220 Alaskans when production reaches one million tons per year," Murkowski stated.

Alcoholism Group Organizes

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

One out of every twenty persons in the United States has a drinking problem, and that his problem affects the lives of five other people? Practically speaking, this means that the life of each of us here in Fairbanks has been, or is being affected by someone with a drinking problem. Alcoholism is Alaska's number one health problem. It must be the problem and concern of all Alaskans. Therefore, a committee to form THE FAIRBANKS COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM invites you to attend an organizational meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7th, at 8:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Barnette School. Some of you will feel that you have more time to give than others, but won't each of you come on Nov. 7th, as an expression of your personal care and community concern.

ALCOHOLISM IS A DISEASE—it can not, at this time, be cured—but its victims can be rehabilitated through proper treatment, and the disease itself can be prevented through public information and education. This is the purpose of the Fairbanks Council on Alcoholism. Please lend it your support!

The principal speaker at the organizational meeting of the Fairbanks Council on Alcoholism will be Mr. John H. Keating. Mr. Keating is the Alcoholism consultant for the Yukon Territorial government; based at Whitehorse.

He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and has taken special courses on alcoholism at Columbia University, Rut-

gers University and the University of Utah.

Prior to taking his present position his professional experience included positions with the Fairfield County Council on Alcoholism, Westport, Connecticut; The Alcoholism Foundation of Alberta and The Division of Alcoholism of the government of Alberta, Canada.

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