

Minority Hire Here 5 Per Cent Workers

The Fairbanks Human Rights Commission made public last week its dissatisfaction with the City's personnel policies.

For a year the Commission has been pressing the City to hire more Natives and Negroes, after a survey in the summer of 1969 revealed that minority-group employees made up less than five per cent of the City work force.

"The situation has gotten worse instead of better," said Commission chairman Charles Parr. "The City has added fifty-one full-time employees since the initial survey, but actually has one less minority-group employee than it did then."

Pressure by the Commission last year led to a directive from City Manager Wally Droz to all department heads, directing them to recruit through the Fairbanks Manpower Center.

A recent check by the Commission turned up the fact that less than a fifth of the vacancies had been listed with the Manpower Center, and that some of those listed had been cancelled when the City hired a "walk-in."

Hiring "walk-ins," in the Commission's view, tends to perpetuate all-white departments, and the apparent disregard of the City Manager's directive may be responsive for the drop in minority-group hire.

"We were pleased when the City Council approved \$10,000 for apprentice training in the Police and Fire departments," said Parr.

"It looked like a breakthrough. And when Mr. Droz decided to call on the NAACP and the FNA for assistance in improving the picture, it seemed like progress. We have been sadly disappointed."

Traveler's Inn Addition To Be Completed Mar.

It was announced last week that a \$3,000,000 addition to the Traveler's Inn in Fairbanks is scheduled for completion in mid-March.

The announcement was made by Hans Beckerwerth, general manager for Hickel Investment Company of Anchorage which owns and operates the facility.

The Traveler's Inn expansion will include 136 new rooms, a new kitchen, a new restaurant and a new banquet-ballroom facility.

In addition, the present coffee shop and Kobuk Dining Room will be enlarged.

The additions will make the Traveler's Inn the largest hotel complex in Fairbanks and one of the largest in the state.

Beckerwerth said that the expansion will better enable Fairbanks to cater to conventions as well as the city's major social events.

The additional 134 rooms will bring the total room capacity of the Fairbanks Traveler's Inn to 236 rooms. Beckerwerth said that 90 per cent of the present room capacity is booked nearly the entire year with solid bookings during many periods.

The new restaurant, named the Bear and Seal, will seat 100 for dinner and cocktails. Scheduled to open in January, the Bear and Seal will feature an English pub atmosphere created by Arthur Morgan of Seattle, who is the interior designer for the addition.

The menu in the Bear and Seal will include steaks and chops. A specialty of the house will be prime rib or beef carved at the table and purchased by the ounce. Several English specialties such as Beef Wellington will also be on the menu.

The new banquet-ballroom will retain the name of the former facility—the Gold Room. Its 7,500 square foot area will be able to accommodate up to 600 persons for banquets and other functions.

The new rooms will be located in a four-story tower behind the present facility. All rooms will be fully carpeted and furnished with modern interiors.

Each will be equipped with a shower-tub combination, individually controlled thermostat, radio, television and telephone.

The old Kobuk Dining Room will be expanded and redecorated to seat 105 persons. An added feature in the new Kobuk Room will be a stage for live entertain-

ment.

In addition the present coffee shop will be expanded to seat 100 persons.

To service the new dining facilities a 3,000 square foot kitchen area, featuring the latest in equipment has been included in the expansion.

The Traveler's Inn will add 40 new employees to its staff of 80 to accommodate the new facilities.

The architect for the addition is the firm of Crittenden, Casetta, Wirum & Cannon of Anchorage. The contractor is Hickel Construction of Anchorage.

In addition to the Traveler's Inn in Fairbanks, Hickel Investment Company owns and operates three hotels in Anchorage—the Captain Cook Hotel, the Traveler's Inn and the Parsons Hotel.



MAJOR JOHN W. SCHAEFFER JR., commander of the 1st Scout Battalion, 297th Infantry, Alaska National Guard, headquartered in Nome, presents Major General James F. Hollingsworth, commanding general, U.S. Army, Alaska, a framed display of two pictures of Eskimo Scouts on patrol. Maj. Gen. Hollingsworth had seen

color slides of these prints recently when he toured village armories and presented medals to seven Guardsmen. As a consequence of his praise for these scenes which appeared in the military briefing he received while in Nome, the 1st Scout Battalion prepared this display for the general's office.

Molecular Mechanisms of Adaptation in Poikilotherms

COLLEGE—Alaska has fish of a different fettle from those fish found in more temperate climates. The King Crab and northern Alaskan fishes are so adapted to the cold that they may have lost the capacity to adapt to warmer temperatures.

Whether the crab and frigid fishes have lost this capacity is one of the things to be studied under the direction of Dr. Hans W. Behrlich at the University of Alaska's Institute of Arctic Biology.

The research is titled "Molecular Mechanisms of Temperature Adaptation in Poikilotherms." The work has received a \$38,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

The \$38,000 is just part of a total of \$150,300 recently received by the university for var-

ious research and educational projects.

Dr. Behrlich will study the metabolic regulation of the crab and fishes in an attempt to find

out how they handle colder climates. Some fish will be acclimated to warmer temperatures to see how they react to the change.

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