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Front: Welders relax in a section of pipe (Fairbanks Daily News-Miner).
Inset: Maggie Joyner works as a "bus swamper" in Valdez (Neal Menschel).
Back: U.S. Senator Mike Gravel celebrates atop the pipeline (Fairbanks Daily News-Miner).

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