

Gravel May Run Against Gruening in Primaries

Aspirations for political seats have been stirring for some time now in Alaska. It has now been revealed that Mike Gravel might be making a bid for office and the announcement is expected to come in about two weeks.

Gravel is expected to toss his hat in the primaries against Senator Ernest Gruening who has already made preparations to run for reelection for his U.S. Senate seat he has held since statehood.

Almost two years ago, Gravel was narrowly beaten by Congressman Ralph Rivers in the primaries who, in turn, was beaten by the present Rep. Howard W. Pollock.

Gravel became well known to

the native people when he was endorsed by the Arctic Slope Native Association in May of 1966. The move stirred the state political circles and rattled the rafters.

Mike Gravel subsequently made an extensive campaign in the rural areas, some in places where a politician has never been.

The winner of the Democratic primaries for senate will run against the winner of the Republican counterpart. The Republican contest in this one is expected to be among former Anchorage Mayor Elmer Rasmuson, Rep. Howard Pollock, State Senate President John Butrovich and the House Majority Leader Ted Stevens.