

Wolf Politics Proves—

Vice Presidential Post Can Be Vastly Romantic

If Native politicians are looking with renewed interest at vice-presidential posts these days, it's because of a wolf story told recently by Max Brewer, head of the Arctic Research Lab at Barrow.

He's discovered that whether one male wolf and three female wolves or three male wolves and three female wolves are placed in a cage only one

litter of pups will be born.

The reason, he explains, is that wolves play politics and this demands so much attention that if the number one wolf is removed from the cage only five minutes he will lose his status and have to fight his way back to the top again.

In the case of three male wolves and three female wolves, the litter is always born to the

top female with the second highest status wolf as sire. The reason is the "top dog" male wolf is just too busy playing politics to have time for romance.

"Wolves in many aspects are just like people without any masks on," Brewer believes.

And that's why the vice president's job might be more fun than Number One.