

Reagan better than Democrats for Natives

President Ronald Reagan has done more for Alaskans in general and the Alaska Native Regional corporations than the previous administration of Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale, according to the man who is going to be leading the battle for presidential ballots in November.

Jim Crawford, chairman of the Reagan-Bush presidential campaign in Alaska, kicked off the re-election campaign, and officially opened the Reagan-Bush headquarters in Anchorage last week.

He said that the state and Native corporations have bene-

fitted more from Reagan's administration because of the emphasis placed on completing the land conveyance procedure to the State of Alaska and the 12 Native Regional Corporations.

Some 42 million acres of land has been transferred to the state and the corporations in the past three years, reflecting a priority placed on the conveyance process by Reagan and former Department of interior Secretary James Watt.

"These actions are in direct contrast to the land freeze of the Carter-Mondale years," said Crawford.

He also pointed out that

the Reagan emphasis on national defense is "particularly critical in Alaska, both economically and in keeping with Alaska's strategic value to our country as a whole."

Reagan has been a friend to Alaska Natives said Alaska Sen. Tim Kelley of Eagle River who is deputy co-chairman for the state re-election effort.

The Reagan campaign to win

over the state's 200,000 voters will focus on a volunteer "person to person" theme, said Crawford who stressed the volunteer aspect of the campaign. He said volunteers will be solicited from each city and village to do door to door work with their neighbors.

Some village workers already solicited into the campaign include Leo Rasmussen of Nome

for the area and Dee Dee Jonrowe from Bethel for that area.

The campaign has a relatively small budget for the March through August with only \$20,000 allocated for the Alaska effort. However, not much money will be required for the state because Reagan isn't being challenged for the primary election prior to the Republican convention.