



Marie Matsuno  
...Going to Washington

## Ugashik Girl to Be Secretary To Pollock in Washington, D.C.

Marie Leilani Matsuno is all agog over the prospect of going to Washington, D.C. to serve as a secretary to the newly-elected Representative Howard W. Pollock.

"I'm excited about going," said Marie. "I didn't really expected that he would ac-

cept me."

Before the recent election, Kathleen (Mike) Dalton, former newspaperwoman and a prominent Republican in Fairbanks, asked Marie when she was going to graduate from the University of Alaska and what

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she was going to do after graduation.

"I told her I didn't have the faintest idea but she suggested that I write to Howard Pollock, if he was elected, and apply for a secretary's job. She said I would have a

good chance," recalled Marie.

Marie did write and applied when she saw that Pollock was winning the election in his contest against the incumbent Rep. Ralph J. Rivers.

"I didn't hear from him until this week—that is, his secretary called me and made an appointment to see him here in Fairbanks," said Miss Matsuno.

"I thought a long time ago about hiring Marie if I was elected. I would have contacted her anyway even if she hadn't made her application," said Congressman-elect Howard Pollock. "She and another person, Marco Pignalberi, had introduced me to people at the married couples quarters at the University of Alaska when I was campaigning. A thought occurred to me then that she might go to work for me if and when I go to Washington."

Pollock continued, "And you know what she did? She asked me if she could take time out to go fishing next summer. I told her we'll have to see what the situation is in Washington then before we decide."

Marie is from Ugashik near King Salmon and Naknek in Bristol Bay. Her father is a commercial fisherman and Marie and the rest of the family help during fishing seasons.

Miss Matsuno is part Aleut and Japanese. Her major at the university is sociology. She is graduating in January at just about the right time to go to work in Washington.

She said that later she will study to get her masters degree in sociology.

"After getting it, I want to work in Alaska," Marie said. "I have no preference as to location."

Miss Matsuno is 23 years old. She was born in Idaho where her parents had been relocated during World War II. Before enrolling at the University of Alaska, she attended Wentworth College in Spokane, Wash. for two years. Marie, at the moment, is vice president of the student council at the university here.

Howard Pollock, who was present during Marie's interview, said that he had come up for a reception at the Traveler's Inn.

"I also came to talk to Marie. I decided a long time ago that I would have a Native person on my staff," he said.