

Not Exactly a Gallup Poll, Yet—

Poll Shows Hammond Leading

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It wasn't exactly a Gallup poll, but the straw poll at the Tanana Valley Fair proved a focus of interest for fair-goers and politicians alike.

Sponsored by the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, the poll showed Republican Jay S. Hammond running far ahead of the field in his quest for governor of Alaska.

To say there was a little cheating going on would be an understatement, however. One young lady confided that she voted for Hammond no less than

six times.

With two booths set up for voting and no way provided to prevent a person from voting as many times as desired, the poll was as free-wheeling as the fair itself.

Hammond had chalked up 427 votes as of early Sunday night, the fair's finale, followed by Walter J. Hickel (R) with 230 and Gov. William A. Egan (D), 203.

Hammond's pioneer, earthy style apparently has meshed with the frontier spirit of Interior

Alaska, if the poll can be taken seriously.

The poll results were watched with the enthusiasm of a race track better than scrutinizing the daily double. "Wow, look at Hammond," said one man. "He has double the votes of Egan and Hickel."

But not everyone was excited. "Hammond, who's that?" one young voter said.

Whatever the worth of the straw count, it does accurately reflect rising interest in the pri-

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many races to be decided at the polls this Tuesday.

Here are the results of the poll just hours before the 1974 poll ended.

Governor — Hammond, (R) 427; Hickel, (R) 230; Egan, (D) 203; Keith H. Miller, (R) 106; Donald R. Wright, (D) 11; Donn Hopkins, (R) 8; Eben Hopson, Democrat (withdrawn) 6, and Jim Russell, (R) 0.

Lieutenant Governor — Lowell Thomas, Jr. (R), 392; Andy Warwick (R), 261; Lt. Gov. H.A. (Red) Boucher (D), 203; Jo Ann Miller (R), 78 and Jim Tallman



In Sumatra, tin, ivory and other materials may not be carried into a gold mine lest the gold spirit leave.

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U.S. Senator — Terry Miller (R), 313; Sen. Mike Gravel (D), 209; C. R. Lewis (R) 203; Gene Guess (D), 122; Dick Greuel (D), 81; Red Stevens (R), 21; Don Hobbs (D), 11; Bob M. Aaron (R), 10 and Merle W. Gnagy (R), 5.

For the U.S. House of Representatives, incumbent Republican Don Young of Fort Yukon was in the lead with 440 votes, followed by William L. Hensley (D), the Native Eskimo candidate from Kotzebue, with 324 and former State Attorney General John Havelock, a Democrat, 193.

State Senate — John Butrovich (R), 394; Selwyn Carrol (R), 355; Bob Hamme (D), 284; John R. Holm (R), 248; John

Huber (D), 237 and George Silides (R), 162.

Mike Bradner, an incumbent and candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives, led all candidates on the ballot with 566 votes.

Other House candidates received the following votes: Sam Barnes (R), 246; Don Bennett (R), 123; Fred Brown (D), 217; Steve Cowper (D), 381; Glenn Hackney (R), 381; Tom Jensen (R), 291; Edmund N. (Ed) Orbeck (D), 359; Thomas H. Morris (D), 71; James Joiner (R), 118; Charles Parr (D), 341; Charles Richmond (R), 60; Kirk Richmond (D), 81; Brian Rogers (D), 259; Tim Wallis (D), Red Williams (D), 160 and David M. Wood (R), 263.