

**Challenge to Law in Making—**

# **S.W. Villages Unhappy About Limited Entry Law**

Nels A. Anderson, Jr., Democratic candidate for State House, District 16, was made aware in his trip to Togiak and villages west, that the Togiak village is very unhappy over the loss of their high school, and all the villagers are wanting to challenge the Limited Entry Law.

The people of Togiak demand one high school from the State of Alaska, according to Anderson. A high school was prom-

ised to the people, but was lost somewhere between Togiak and Juneau, Anderson stated.

He plans an immediate inquiry into the situation. "The people deserve an explanation and another appropriation for the 1975 construction season," Anderson said.

During an eight-village trip to Togiak, Twin Hills, Platinum, Goodnews, Quinhagak, Kongiganak, Kwigillinok and Kipnuk,

Anderson noted that the major problem is a total misunderstanding of the Limited Entry program.

The people of Togiak want other villages to join them in their fight to change the Limited Entry Law or get rid of it. Many young men and older men are not fishing this year because they don't have entry permits.

The rural fishermen in Togiak and Twin Hills were made angry when forced to cut their nets because they are expensive (\$550 to \$630 for 50 fathoms of net). Limiting gear is fine, but the Limited Entry Program must serve our Alaskans first

then worry about outsiders were the thoughts expressed by the villagers.

One other complaint of the people was related to Fish and Game taking snares and game caught when a violation was found.

"Fish and Game has to remember that our people don't read and write English well and don't understand laws made by English-speaking people," according to a village resident. "Fish and Game officers should take the time to explain regulations in the Native language and warn anyone before their snares are confiscated," the man went on to say.

Further west, the people of Kipnuk, Kwigillinok, Kongiganak and Quinhagak are concerned about basic political issues.

"Do not bother coming back in 1976 if you don't come for a visit in 1975" are the words of the people in those western villages. Anderson tells that these people said, "We will not vote for anyone who does not visit us."

The people also insist on reviewing laws before they are passed, so they can decide if the new law is good or bad.

The people of Kwigillinok need a telephone which was promised them by RCA; they also want more fishing periods because they can't make a living if there are just a few openings. The people of Kongiganak want buoys to mark the river channel to help the barge find its way to the village.

The people of Goodnews and Platinum stated they would like mail delivered more than twice a week. They stated they want

mail at least three times a week because important papers are often delayed.

Other problems are gravel for airports and roads, landing lights for the village airports. The fields are the life link during emergencies and provide the only link with larger communities.

"The people have an unselfish attitude and are asking for basic needs which urban communities and larger villages take for granted. The people in remote Alaska are asking to be heard. I enjoyed the people and their willingness to express their feelings and needs during the weekend campaign tour," Anderson said.

Anderson told the people of these villages, "I feel I can do a good job in Juneau. If I don't, then find someone to replace me. Keep on doing that until you find someone who will do what you want. Don't wait 10 years to make a change."