

# William A. Egan Sworn in As Governor of State of Alaska

William A. Egan, Alaska's first governor, was sworn in on Monday as Governor of Alaska. He began his third term

in that office after a four year absence.

In a short speech after taking the oath of office in the Superior Courtroom of the State Capitol building in Juneau, the new Governor headed the state into a "new decade of development".

He told the crowd that filled the courtroom the aim of his administration would be to "harmonize and orchestrate our efforts in the common good".

"We are faced with critical problems and new directions on which much will depend in maintaining the quality of life in Alaska," Egan said.

"A modern frontier ethic calls for recognition of the reality and wholeness of nature, the rights of our Native people and other minorities and the values

of man that find fulfillment in all the desirable attributes of civilization."

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Egan said his administration must "come to terms with an overdue settlement of land claims. We must decide how the trans-Alaska pipeline can best be built. We must formulate a development plan for the North Slope. We must decide how best for Alaska to invest the state's revenues from its abundant resources."

Also sworn in Monday by State Supreme Court Chief Jus-

tice George F. Boney was Egan's lieutenant governor, H.A. "Red" Boucher. Egan succeeded Republican Governor Keith H. Miller, whom he defeated in the November election.

In one of his first acts as governor, the 56 year old Democrat victor named four commissioners and several assistants.

The four department heads named were Charles F. Herbert as Commissioner of Natural Resources, Kenneth W. Kadow as Commissioner of Commerce, Henry Benson as Commissioner of Labor and Emery W. Chapple, Jr. as Commissioner of Public Safety.

Richard Freer was named to act as Commissioner of Administration pending a permanent appointment.

Among the other appointees named were Byron Mallot and Eben Hopson of the Alaska Federation of Natives. Egan also announced the appointment of several deputy commissioners.

The governor, who served in his post during the first eight years of Alaska's statehood, began his political career in Alaska's territorial government.