

HUGH NICHOLLS EYING U.S. SENATE SEAT

Hugh Nicholls of Barrow, now working and living at Nome, has declared his intentions to run for United States Senate and run in the primaries against Sen. Ernest Gruening, State Sen. Robert

R. "Bob" Blodgett, and possibly Mike Gravel.

All four men are avowed Democrats.

"I seriously think that if the race is split among four people, my chances are very

good," said Nicholls this week.

Nicholls said that he has considered that Alaska needs a senator who is basically interested in the state.

"We need a pork and beans

Senator interested in the basic Alaska problems because we already have a statesman in Sen. E. L. Bartlett in Washington," stated Nicholls.

Nicholls also disclosed

that Ernest Nylin of Elim might enter the race for the State House of Representatives against the incumbent Rep. Tom Balone, D-Nome, and Lester Bronson of the

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same city.

Bronson is the former state senator from Nome.

"It's time our people run for these offices and wake up Alaska," said Nicholls. "Win, lose, or draw, we've got to let the people of Alaska know that we're around."

Hugh Nicholls said that all personal contacts he has made regarding his candidacy has been good. He expects to file on or before April 30.

Nicholls is the first vice president of the Arctic Slope Native Association. He is now working at Nome as the development specialist for the Alaska State Community Action Program.