

NIXON DEFEATS HUMPHREY FOR U.S. PRESIDENT:

IN ALASKA GRAVEL COASTS IN OVER RASMUSON



ELECTED—Democrat Mike Gravel convincingly defeated his two opponents, Anchorage banker Elmer Rasmuson and lame duck Ernest Gruening in this week's general election. Gravel had defeated Gruening in the primary election for nomination but Gruening decided to continue to try for re-election on a write-in ticket.



WINNERS—President elect Republican Richard M. Nixon, right, who narrowly defeated his Democratic opponent Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, is shown talking with Alaska Congressman Howard W. Pollock, also a Republican, who successfully held off his Democratic opponent Nicholas J. Begich and won re-election.

Agonizing, Close Win for Dick Nixon; Gravel Hurdles 2 Foes

In one of the closest presidential elections in the country, Richard M. Nixon was elected 37th President of the United States last Wednesday by narrowly defeating Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

In doing so, Nixon achieved one of the greatest political comebacks in history and captured the Presidency after nearly achieving it against the late President John F. Kennedy.

After the polls closed through-

out the country, the two presidential aspirants battled head and head through the long night and into Wednesday when Richard Nixon finally achieved his goal at 11:35 a.m. by capturing Illinois' 26 electoral votes.

Nixon had been knocking at the door of the White House after capturing Ohio's 26 and California's 40 electoral votes when Illinois got him over the

top.

For hours and hours, the two men endured the suspense of the voters decision. Popular vote seesawed back and forth between the men during much of the

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tally period.

After he captured the Illinois vote, Nixon wound up with 287 against Humphrey's 172 electoral votes. The magic number to the White House is 270.

ALASKA ELECTION

Here in Alaska, Mike Gravel overcame two opponents by capturing the votes for his U.S. Senate seat.

His opponents were Anchorage banker and Republican, Elmer Rasmuson, and the incumbent Sen. Ernest Gruening who had attempted to regain his seat via write-in vote after he was

defeated by Mike Gravel for nomination in the primary election.

Congressman Howard W. Pollock handily defeated his opponent Nicholas J. Begich for re-election.

Just before election, Pollock had told Tundra Times that he was confident that he would be re-elected.

"But I'm worried about Elmer. I think Mike is going to take him," Pollock said.

Also just before election, Mike Gravel expressed confidence that he would be elected U.S. Senator. He said his chances looked good everywhere except the outlying areas.

"I'm worried about the bush," Gravel said.

Gravel's worries proved to be groundless however. He captured

substantial bush vote in the tally that numbered 27,430 by Wednesday. Rasmuson received 22,771 and Gruening 9,584.

Howard Pollock received 32,088 and Nick Begich 27,586.

Earlier, Rasmuson camp declared through Flore Lekanof, an Aleut campaign worker for Rasmuson, that Elmer Rasmuson would capture the bush vote but as returns come in, that prediction did not materialize.

On the national level, the popular vote for President was almost deadlocked after more than 67 million votes had been counted.

On the state level, the Democrats captured the State House. University of Alaska bond issue sailed through without any trouble.