

# Gov. Egan Much Impressed By A.S.N.A. Endorsement

Governor William A. Egan had been listening to the radio when he learned for the first time that he had been endorsed by the Arctic Slope Native Association.

"I was deeply appreciative," he said yesterday in Fairbanks, "and really humbled to know they felt that way about me."

He said he was also surprised that the endorsement had come so early before the whole slate of candidates had filed.

"I see the endorsement has had quite an effect in some circles. I read the letter Mike Dalton wrote to Sam Taa-lak in your paper," Egan said.

The governor pointed out that the Native people had never had much attention in the governmental circles until Governor Ernest Gruening took over in the territorial days.

He said that under his administration, many programs designed to benefit the native people have been carried on.

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"We have started projects both in village economic development and in the development of the human resources among the native people. We have initiated work programs in conjunction with federal agencies and my administration was the first to recognize the important of vocational training as well as academic training. The proof of this is the Nome vocational school and the one at Kodiak. Our persistent efforts have begun to pay off," the governor said.

Tundra Times announced the endorsement of the governor, Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett, and Mike Gravel, Speaker of the House of Representatives, by ASNA in May 13 issue.