

**Editorial—**

# **A Vote for Equality**

A bright and meaningful victory in the August 25 primary election can be directly attributed to the native people in the rural areas. Their votes overcame the lead that would have continued the requirement in the state constitution that in order to vote, a person must know how to read and understand English.

The vote on Proposition No. 2 appeared to favor the

continuance of the requirement most of the way, but as the outlying area votes came in they overtook the lead and edged past 31,615 to 31,207—a difference of only 408 votes according to the latest information.

This significant victory should set a fine example for the native people of what votes can mean. A vote cast can do beneficial things. In this case, an important step in the right direction and a victory for the whole State of Alaska.