

Kay Scores Gravel Taken On Indian Land

Democratic candidate for governor Wendell Kay has urged early settlement of a suit filed by the Eklutna Indians against the state of Alaska.

Kay stated that the taking of gravel by the state from the Indian reservation without the consent of the Indians "is another example of the flagrant disregard of aboriginal rights by the Egan administration."

The suit alleges that some 328,000 acres of land were withdrawn October 19, 1936 by the U.S. Secretary of the interior to establish an Eklutna Indian reservation.

Since 1960, it claims, agents of the State Depart-

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ment of Highways or contractors employed by the state have taken an estimated 400,000 cubic yards of gravel from reservation land.

The value of the gravel was placed at \$120,000.

Candidate Kay compared the taking of gravel with the action of the Department of Fisheries in attempting to prevent the Copper River Indians from taking salmon by fishwheels early in June.

Said Kay, "It's about time that this administration realizes that Native people have rights protected by the Constitution of Alaska."