

Egan Praises Formation of APEC

Governor Bill Egan has praised the formation of the Alaska Pipeline Education Committee in its efforts to provide information to fellow Americans on the immediate and drastic need for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

In an open "letter to all Americans" he noted that one of the most important premises upon which Alaska received Statehood was resource development.

"The United States Congress in approving statehood was well aware of Alaska's potentially abundant petroleum reserves and its favorable action was, in fact, taken on the premise that those reserves would be developed and the resulting revenues would pay the new state's way," Egan writes.

Without such a revenue base, "Alaska would have been a poor risk for becoming a self-sustain-

ing partner in the American Union. Alaska asks now only that it be allowed to proceed with the bargain which was struck with the granting of statehood."

Governor Egan also stated that the reduction in the balance-of-payments deficit can be found through the use of Alaska's oil to meet the nation's critical energy needs.

The Alaska Pipeline Education Committee is engaged in sending speakers outside to present information on the Alaska pipeline, concentrating in those areas most opposed, such as California, the Northeast and Midwest.

The Governor urged all Americans to listen to and examine the information brought by the Alaskans in this organized effort to secure favorable public support for the Alaska pipeline.