

# Need Judges

**JUNEAU**—Governor Keith H. Miller said the Judicial Council has informed him that it is unable to find a sufficient number of qualified applicants to nominate for four District Court judgeship vacancies.

Mike Stepovich, Acting Chairman of the Judicial Council, told the Governor in a letter that only four applications had been received and he pointed out that the law specified that the Council must nominate two or more persons for each vacancy. The Governor is to make the final selection.

There are vacancies in Kodiak, Sitka, Wrangell and one in Anchorage.

In his letter to Miller, Stepovich said the Council "is of the opinion that it has an insufficient number of qualified applicants from which to nominate."

He added, "The Council deeply regrets the apparent disinterest in these important judicial positions. After an appropriate interval we shall no doubt try again.

"However, for the time being the Judicial Court is notifying the presiding judges of the Superior courts of the situation in order that they might make an attempt to find qualified persons to serve as temporary judges," Stepovich wrote.

He said the Council received one application each for Anchorage and Wrangell, two for the position at Sitka and no applications for the Kodiak position.