

# Begich Scholarship Intern Fund Event a Success

ANCHORAGE—The newly-incorporated Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund held a very successful fund-raising event October 10 at the Captain Cook Hotel here with approximately 150 persons in attendance.

Former Congressman William L. Hungate of Missouri, who served in the 92nd Congress with former Majority Leader Hale Boggs and Alaska's late Congressman, Nick Begich, was the speaker for the occasion.

His humorous talk and original songs served as an inspiration to those who had gathered to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the two Congressmen's disappearance in Alaska on October 16, 1972. The Fund in Begich's memory was begun at the time of the memorial service for him in January, 1973 but was just recently incorporated under Alaska law.

Among the guests attending were the Honorable Lindy Boggs, U.S. Congresswoman from the Second District of Louisiana, who was here for the ceremony the previous day at which two mountains were dedicated in honor of the two national legislators; Mr. and Mrs. John Begich, parents of Congressman Begich from Eveleth, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Leo-

nard Jendro, parents of Mrs. Begich from Eveleth, Minnesota; and Mr. and Mrs. Less Bruens, sister and brother-in-law of the late Congressman, from Spokane, Washington.

A significant part of the wine and cheese party was the announcement of the names of the new 11-member Board of Directors of the Fund, a non-profit, non-partisan, educational fund, to assist Alaskan students to study government or education in Washington as interns in an office in the nation's Capitol. Tom Begich, the 16-year old son of Nick Begich, who has just completed a six-weeks internship in Washington, announced the names and backgrounds of the directors.

Heading the list of the Board of Directors are two members of

the Begich family, Mrs. Pegge Begich, and her eldest son, Nick Jr., a student at Anchorage Community College. Nick is married and a local businessman in addition to being a student. Other directors are: Mrs. Margaret Pohjola, Mark Russell, John A. Schwamm, Carole Fuller, Dorothy Richroath, Milton Fredericks, Lynn Johnson, Guy Martin and Carolyn Guess.

The Board of Directors had an organizational meeting recently and appointed Gene Kennedy, formerly administrative assistant to Begich in Juneau and Washington, to the unpaid position of executive director. Kennedy is now administrative assistant to Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman of Maryland.

Plans were formulated to develop applications for the first intern award and for the distribution of these applications throughout Alaska. It is hoped that this first internship will be awarded in the spring. Applications will be sent to interested students after January 1, 1978

and applications will be received prior to March 31, 1978 for the 1978 awards. Interested students may obtain applications by writing to the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, 1720 East 24th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99504.

The purpose of the internships is to provide transportation costs and a living stipend to Alaskan students interested in the study of education or political science in Washington or in some other area of interest.

The Board of Directors also expressed sincere appreciation to local attorney Gregory Taylor of the firm of Birch, Horton, Bittner, and Monroe, for the many hours he devoted on a volunteer basis in assisting with the incorporation of the Fund.

Plans for another fundraiser to be held in 1978 were also discussed by the Board of Directors. Donations to the Fund may be sent by all Alaskans who would like to contribute to this living memorial to Alaska's third Congressman at the same Anchorage address.