

Egan Says Conservation, Pollution Sides of 1 Coin

Bill Egan said that the problems of conservation and pollution of Alaska's resources are two sides of the same coin.

"There is too much of a tendency," said Egan, "to adopt opposing philosophies, when what is really needed is the orderly development of Alaska's economy consistent with its wilderness heritage."

Those who would allow no change, as well as those who would industrialize regardless of the natural consequences, both need to modify their views in the opinion of the candidate.

The state can expand economically on a reasonable planned basis, in Egan's view, so that "... it is not a question of either jobs or ecology, but one of both jobs and ecology, if Alaska is to make real progress."

Egan sees the need for long range planning between the executive and legislative branches to facilitate orderly industrial expansion on a continuing basis. Egan further stated, "this sort of program would use Ala-

ska's resources, but not exploit them."

Specifically, Egan sees a very real need for far more sophisticated planning at the urban level in order to prevent pollution before it starts.

He said that "preventing pollution is less costly for the taxpayer than correcting past mistakes."

And that far more detailed planning in the city, zoning ordinances, and borough cooperation would be required to preserve Alaska's scenic image as we now enjoy it."

He would also plan the use of state resources on a sustained yield basis which would provide more jobs for Alaskans over the long run, rather than temporary profits.

Egan concluded by stating that "conservation and pollution are both part of an Alaskan problem, and that solutions are possible if we plan in the best interests of all people of the state."