

Silides Says Claims Would Benefit All

George C. Silides, Republican candidate for the Alaska State House of Representatives said, during an interview at the Univ-

ersity of Alaska that, "The solution of the native claims as proposed by the Governor's Task Force would be of benefit to all

Alaskans, white as well as native.

"Leaving the moral issue aside for the moment, and concentrating on the economic aspect of the matter, the granting of 40 million acres means that much more area over and above that granted by the statehood act which will remain in control of Alaskans. Similarly, the placing of 500 million dollars in the hands of Alaskan citizens for capital improvements, housing and education is bound to be a great asset."

"It must be recognized," Silides concluded, "that anything that we can do to bring about a viable economy to any depressed minority will greatly lessen the tax burden on the rest of us and increase the amount of risk capital available to the economy as a whole."