

Pollock's Questionnaire Shows Claims Deserve Compensation

Congressman Howard W. Pollock (R-Alaska) Wednesday announced the results of his Congressional questionnaire mailed to Alaskans this spring. It contained several multiple choice questions dealing with current international, national and state issues. Over 6,000 Alaskans returned the questionnaire.

The great majority believed that Native groups deserved some kind of compensation for their land claims. Over half (52.6%) approved of granting Native title to village sites—plus hunting, trapping, and fishing rights with monetary compensation for lands for which title was not received. It should be noted, however, that on this question some persons crossed out the phrase concerning compensation. 15.7% believed the Natives should receive title to their aboriginal lands while 14.5% thought monetary compensation alone was the answer. Only 17.2% thought the claims

should not be recognized in any way.

On our participation in the Vietnam war 60.7% of those answering would accelerate American military effort while 14.5% would continue our present course.

On the other side 19.1% would withdraw from Vietnam as soon as possible while 5.7% would stay but reduce our military effort.

16.5% agree with the Johnson Administration that social security benefits should be increased 20% with an accompanying increase in payroll taxes.

10.9% agree with the AFL-CIO proposal for raising benefits 50%. This proposal would require increased—payroll taxes plus a contribution to the trust fund from general tax revenues.

Republicans have proposed an 8% increase in benefits. Such an increase could be financed out of present trust fund revenues without a

payroll tax increase. 26.1% favor this proposal. Thus, slightly over half of those responding favor an increase

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in benefits of some kind but only one quarter wish to increase taxes to pay for large increases. On the other side of the issue, 46.5% believe that there should be no increase in benefits at this time.

The President has proposed a 6% surtax on corporate and personal incomes to pay for the Great Society and the Vietnam War. Only one out of ten (9.9%) agreed with this recommendation which still left a projected budget deficit of more than \$9 billion (now estimated at \$13 billion). 7.3% thought that taxes should be increased enough to balance the budget. 4.6% would accept a much larger deficit by now reducing expenditures and not increasing taxes. An overwhelming 78.2%, nearly four out of every five, chose to cut expenditures to bring them in line with revenues.