

Legislative Leadership Lack Is Attacked

Yesterday, Walter J. Hickel, Republican candidate for governor, attacked the current legislature in a scathing speech at the Republican meeting in Anchorage.

"But in my conversations with people in all walks of life, including second graders who have just learned to read, it appears that something is way off the track in Juneau," Hickel declared.

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"It's either this, or Barnum and Bailey has moved from Sarasota, Florida, to new headquarters in Juneau. One thing that is certain is that it is the "Greatest Show On Earth" today. It truly would be a comedy if it weren't so serious."

Hickel said he deplored the lack of leadership in the present legislature and zeroed in on what he called "McNealey's Playhouse."

"I think that these people, when seeking re-election, will have to apologize for their leadership. They will be faced with the greatest detriment of all time because they must tell the people that they participated in Juneau over the longest 'Lost Week End' in America's legislative history," Hickel said.

"... I do not stand in judgment of the sixty men that went to Juneau this year to carry out the functions of the State Legislature," he continued. "For the most part, they were good men, capable men, but they were also men without leadership, and it is the leaders that I condemn openly and wholeheartedly."

"It is the leaders that I charge with destroying the image of our great state, or would it be better to say 'the lack of leaders?' . . . It is time for the Democratic leadership to act with sound and sober judgment."