

Politics Heavy, Hot

By CHUCK MALLEY

Someone said that there just might be a politician or two at the Tundra Times Banquet this year.

With the banquet Oct. 26, eleven days prior to the general election, the annual fund raiser is certain to draw office seekers from around the state.

The banquet will be held at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage in conjunction with the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention.

Both events will offer Alaska Natives and others a good opportunity to check out the candidates.

Three races hold the spotlight: the governorship, U. S. Senate and U. S. House of Representatives.

The House race holds special interest for Natives because Willie Hensley, a Kotzebue Eskimo Democrat, is hot on the tail of Republican incumbent Don Young, Fort Yukon.

An Alaska Native has never been elected to office in Washington, but many political observers feel Hensley stands an excellent chance of changing that picture this year.

Gov. William A. Egan, who is expected to appear at the Captain Cook, is fighting for his political life against Republican Jay Hammond, the bearded bush pilot from Naknek.

A recent Associated Press poll showed that Egan may be the only incumbent Democratic governor in the country who is in trouble against a Republican opponent.

Hammond won a stunning primary victory against Walter J. Hickel, a wealthy man, former Secretary of the Interior and a former governor of Alaska.

"Hammond toppled a heavy politician," commented one Fairbanks politico. "Can he do it again?"

Many feel that the answer depends on this: Do Alaskans want a new face in the governor's office after 12 years of Bill Egan?

What with Watergate, it seems to be a year of change all over the country, but in most cases it's the Republican administration getting the boot.

Sen. Gravel . . .

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body else. If individual Natives need food stamps, aid to dependent children, or needs of any services of government, they are totally entitled to receive them."

The Alaska Democrat also predicted that President Ford's proposed five per cent surtax would not emerge intact from the Senate Finance Committee, of which he is a member.

Finally, Gravel acknowledged problems of communication with his constituents in the villages of rural Alaska.

"That's one reason that I have pushed so hard for satellite communications; so that everyone would be more informed," he said.

"We try to make as big an effort as we can with newsletters, press relations. A lot of it is the fault of the inability of the communications system in the bush itself.

"We don't have enough money, enough people. Even the urban areas don't devote enough money to news gathering."

Gravel's office regularly supplies the media with statements pertaining to legislation he is supporting or in opposition of, but whether the public hears or is able to read these statements depends on the space or time available of the news media and often enough, the politics of the media.

Egan's administration is on the right side of Watergate, but the scandal apparently is not a factor in Alaska. What is more of a factor is that the state is in the throws of rapid change and voters must decide who will lead that change.

Egan has accused Hammond of advocating "zero growth" for Alaska. The charge first came from Lt. Gov. H. A. (Red) Boucher, a champion of progress.

Hammond is conservative on growth, but denies a "zero growth" posture. His view is that progress is happening and there's no stopping it, "But it can and must be controlled," he says.

While Boucher's political future depends on Egan's, it's also a year when many voters will make their choice for governor on the basis of his running mate. Boucher has a "super-promoter" image which has jelled well with Egan's long-held attitude of progress for Alaska.

But now, more than four years ago, voters must consider whether Boucher would be the governor they want if for some reason Egan could not finish 16 years in office, a long stretch for a man of any age. Egan is 60.

Hammond is backed up by Lowell Thomas Jr., a man with not just a famous name but a strong legislative background in Alaska government.

While Egan dominates his ticket, Hammond is really not a towering figure over his running mate, thus Thomas adds considerable strength to the Republican ticket. A corollary might be drawn between Hammond and Thomas and President Ford and Rockefeller.

It might also be that many voters will make their choice on the basis of whether they want reigns applied to Alaska's growth, with Hammond, or a continuation of the current pace with Bill Egan.

The Senate race is one of a clear choice — virtually black and white.

Incumbent Democratic Senator Mike Gravel is widely known as a liberal. His challenger, Republican C. R. Lewis, is an arch-conservative and a member of the John Birch Society.

Their polarized positions can be illustrated by their views on marijuana. Gravel would like to see marijuana offenders "de-criminalized;" Lewis is dead against any use of marijuana whatsoever.

Gravel has put in a six-year term in Washington and is still considered young by Senate standards. He was born and raised

Cites Senator's Record—

Sam Kito Endorses Senator Gravel

Interior Alaska Native leader Sam Kito Jr. today announced his support for U. S. Senator Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, who is seeking a second term against conservative Republican C. R. Lewis.

Kito cited Gravel's extensive record for support for legislation of vital interest to Alaska and the senator's "keen awareness of the lack of basic means of communication available to rural Alaska."

"Senator Gravel has fought long and hard to see two-way communication systems established between the rural and urban areas of Alaska," said Kito, whose own communications background has included employment at the Kennedy Space Center.

"Gravel is aware of a number of instances where means of communication were desperately needed to save lives and property — and there was just no way to get the message out on time. He knows and he's trying to cut through all the red tape and do something about it, because it is obvious that we have the technology today to provide all areas of Alaska with proper means of communication," Kito said.

Kito noted Gravel's leadership in securing passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, pipeline permits and millions of dollars in badly needed funds for various projects of vital need to Alaskans.

Kito, who is executive president of Doyon, Limited and newly elected president of the Fairbanks Native Association, stated that the Native people have found in Gravel a friend who recognizes the many problems facing the Native community today.

Gravel's opponent, Senator C. R. Lewis, a national leader of

the John Birch Society, has demonstrated by his voting record in the State Senate that he has little concern for the needs of the majority of Alaskans, and especially rural Alaska.

And he has stated that it is essential that Alaska not send a man with such extreme views on the political process to represent all Alaskans.

Former Doyon Veep—

Sam Kito Elected President of FNA

FAIRBANKS — Sam Kito Jr., executive vice president of Doyon, Limited, has been elected president of the Fairbanks Native Association, succeeding Chris Anderson, an official of the Tanana Chiefs Conference.

Kito served as president of the Native association in the late 1960s and has maintained an active interest in the FNA in the interim period.

In resuming the post, Kito noted the important role that the FNA has had in the Fairbanks Native community and the increased demands on FNA in this period of pipeline impact. He urged renewed support and cooperation from Fairbanks residents in making the FNA a continuing success.

Serving with Kito will be first

vice president Claude Demientieff and second vice president Jerry Woods.

Also executive administrative board members Sandy Cummings, Bill Fredson, Richard Frank, Rhoda Fox, Allen Rylander, and Sophie Wirth.

Policy to be carried out by the administrative board is set by the executive policy board, whose membership includes Clara Carroll, Shirley Cuny, Claude Demientieff, Ida Hildebrand, Effie Kokrine, Angas Moore and Martha Teeluk.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SITNASUAK NATIVE CORPORATION has pursuant to Section 12 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, filed its Selection Application No. 14908 encompassing the following lands:

All available public lands in the following sections and Townships located in the Katoel River Meridian: Township 9 South, Range 33 West Sections 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32, 33 and 34. Township 9 South, Range 34 West: Sections 1, 12, 13, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 34, 35 and 36. Township 9 South, Range 35 West: Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 18, 19, 29, 30, 31 and 32. Township 9 South, Range 36 West: Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36. Township 10 South, Range 31 West: Sections 1 and 32. Township 10 South, Range 32 West: Section 36. Township 10 South, Range 33 West: Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34. Township 10 South, Range 34 West: Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36. Township 10 South, Range 35 West: Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36. Township 10 South, Range 36 West: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36. Township 11 South, Range 31 West: Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33. Township 11 South, Range 32 West: Sections 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36. Township 11 South, Range 33 West: Sections 1 through 36. Township 11 South, Range 34 West: Sections 1 through 36. Township 11 South, Range 35 West: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23 and 24. Township 11 South, Range 36 West: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. Township 12 South, Range 31 West: Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. Township 12 South, Range 32 West: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24. Township 12 South, Range 33 West: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11 and 12. Pursuant to 43 CFR section 2650.7 and claimant who claims the aforementioned land adversely to the SITNASUAK NATIVE CORPORATION may file their objections to the conveyance of said land with the Fairbanks Land Office, Bureau of Land Management, Office, Box 1150, Fairbanks, Alaska not later than November 20, 1974. Dated this 16 day of October, 1974. Betty Jean Hoogendorn, Secretary Sitnasuak Native Corporation Ntna, Alaska 99762 Pub: Oct. 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6 & 13, 1974.

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