

H. Pollock Is Disappointed At A.S.N.A. Endorsements

Republican candidate for the U.S. House, Howard Pollock, told Tundra Times he was "surprised and a little disappointed" to see that the Arctic Slope Native Association last week at Barrow endorsed a full slate of Democrats without even discussing endorsement (or backing certain candidates) with Republicans.

"Or giving any Republicans an opportunity to present their views or to be heard," he added.

Pollock and incumbent Ralph Rivers, a Democrat, are the only two men to file for the seat so far. State House Speaker Mike Gravel, as reported in the May 6 Tundra Times, will "probably run in

the Democrat primary for the U.S. House of Representatives."

Many Republican legisla-

tors have a long history of great help to the Natives of Alaska, Pollock said, "and many worthwhile pieces of legislation could never be enacted into law without Republican support."

"As a Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives I will travel to Pt. Barrow and every other Native community one or more times during this campaign season. I want to meet as many people as possible personally to discuss the issues. I will learn more about their problems. At Barrow I expect to see many of my friends with whom I have worked in Juneau—particularly Charlie Edwardson and Sen. Eben Hopson."

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Pollock presently serves in the Alaska Senate. He came to Alaska in 1948 and was first elected to public office in 1953 as representative in the Alaska Territorial Legislature.

He served in the U.S. Navy for six years and during the war he lost his right forearm in a grenade explosion.

He was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men in the United States in 1955, an annual selection made from young men from all the states of the Union.

The State Senator congratulated the Fairbanks Native Association for its leadership in bringing before the people of Alaska the need for better education among the Alaskan Natives. From their original dormitory proposal early this year the legislature put together a regional high school bond proposal that will go before the voters this November.

This high school proposal was introduced first by House Speaker Gravel and has been referred to many times as the "Gravel Package." What passed the legislature, however, was a much altered "package" from Gravel's proposal.

On the regional high school legislation that will be on the ballot this fall, Pollock said "I assure all Tundra Times readers that it took bi-partisan (both parties) support to get it through both House and Senate." Without support from both parties, he said, it probably would not have been passed this year.

Pollock pledges "a vigorous pursuit for the transfer of Native education from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the State of Alaska."

Since the taking-over of all educational activities by the state would be very costly, Pollock says a "workable system will have to be devised to arrange for financial support from the federal government through the BIA."

"If we can get the full co-operation of the BIA, it would be very meaningful to many young men and women who might, for the first time in their lives, be given an opportunity to travel to a new area and live in an environment which will give them an opportunity to get the same quality of education that all other citizens are getting."