



IDITAROD MUSHERS, after over 1000 miles of race, met with Hickel in Nome. Above, mushers and Nome Mayor Leo Rasmussen chat with Hickel.



ERMALIEE HICKEL talks with youngsters at Fur Rendezvous booth. Alaska's former First Lady loves campaigning and is known and admired throughout the state.



TEEN-AGERS and staff at Libra Palace teen center in Kenai play foosball as the Hickels cheer them on. The former governor is an opponent of liberalized drug laws, and his criticism of the Hammond plan to reduce penalties for cocaine users and dealers resulted in withdrawal of that bill by the Hammond Administration. "The Governor has the strength to say no to development," said Hickel, "but he doesn't have the strength to say no to the usage of drugs."



LABOR UNION HALLS welcome candidate Hickel to address their membership. Above, Wally answers a question at a meeting of over 200 at Laborer's Local #341 in Anchorage.

'We must fight—or we'll lose our Alaskan lands'

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hood so that "we wouldn't become a welfare state."

"The philosophy we are hearing from state government more nearly fits that nation across the Bering Sea than it does a free government," Hickel says.

Time and again the former Interior Secretary has charged the Hammond Administration as being "in concert" with those in Washington, D.C. who would lock up the state.

"The first commissioner of natural resources in the Hammond Administration is now Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Lands and Water Resources. He sits at the elbow of the Secretary. Where else do you think the Secretary is getting his input to say that 97 million acres of wilderness is the bottom line?"

Hickel's battle cry is to rally the Alaskan people to convince Congress to postpone the D-2 decision beyond the current deadline of December 18 of this year.

Hickel can make government move and respond—Jackson

Steve Jackson, an Anchorage accountant and member of the speakers bureau of the Hickel for Governor campaign, says that when Alaskans pick a governor, they should look at the person's record, but also at his attitude.

"Success in business or government depends on the attitude of the people involved, especially those at the top," Jackson said. "We need someone in the governorship who is comfortable making decisions, who knows what it means to be an executive, and is able to make government move and respond."

Speaking to a conference of the Transcendental Medita-

If elected, he says, "I'm prepared to take this as far as the World Court. Someone has to have the strength to say, 'No, Mr. President.'"

In a letter to Interior Secretary, Cecil Andrus, Hickel said, "Let us not rush this decision to meet some artificial deadline that might come to haunt and frustrate the American people. Instead, let's reach for a deeper understanding of God's intent and thoroughly weigh all values before we set aside nearly 100 million acres where man is not the companion of the land, but the trespasser."

Of special concern is the general public misunderstanding of a federally designated wilderness.

"It is the most restrictive of all land designations," says Hickel. "It will prevent, forever, any opportunity even to look at those lands in terms of other values, such as resources needed for jobs for Alaskans and basic needs for the American people."

"It makes absolutely no sense to lock up these lands forever."

Hickel, who as Secretary, compiled an unparalleled record as the cabinet officer responsible both for National Parks and natural resource development, maintains that civilizations need not damage wildlife and natural beauty.

"Man is not the enemy," he says. "Only man, in concert with nature, can add the compassion and emotion so vital for balance."

Editor's note: For more on lands, see issues pages 4 and 5.

'Sieberling, Udall should run the race'

A suggestion by Wally Hickel received a loud ovation in Nome March 21 as he spoke to a record crowd at the Nome Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

With several of the mushers who had finished the Iditarod Race by that time in attendance, Hickel suggested that Congressmen Sieberling and Udall be invited to participate in next year's race.

"Then they'll discover what the Arctic is really like," Hickel said. "Those summer specialists only come up here during July and August when Alaska is green. The most fragile thing in the Arctic in winter is a human."

Among those in attendance were mushers Dick Mackey, Emmitt Peters, Ken Chase and Joe Redington.

Hickel had just finished his speech when the hall was cleared by the arrival of another race contestant.

Enthusiastic volunteers are going to win it!

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"We don't have that kind of state-paid staff, so we're going to win this campaign with the effort and enthusiasm of people, volunteers and a very small professional staff."

"From the results we have, it's already working," she said.

Persons wishing to volunteer should call any of the local telephone numbers to state their interest: Fairbanks 456-6276, Anchorage 277-6676, Cordova 424-3673, Juneau 789-9921, Kenai 776-8869, Homer 235-8657, Anchor Point 235-8823, Kodiak 486-5300, Ketchikan 225-4730, Palmer 745-4128, Wasilla 272-3741, Nome 443-2243, Petersburg 772-4220, Sitka 747-3205, and 747-5283, Wrangell 874-3639, Yakutat 784-3280.

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