

# Begich Asks Release of \$3 Million for Education

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressman Nick Begich called for the release by the Office of Management and Budget of \$3 million appropriated for educational programs in Alaska.

In a letter to George P. Schultz, Director, Office of Management and Budget, Representative Begich said that "Because of the substantial amount

of educational funds being withheld, many Indian educational programs are being curtailed, which is resulting in apathy and unnecessary frustration within the Indian population."

The Congressman was informed that the Office of Management and Budget is withholding

approval of substantial amounts of monies for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Education Programs. The Alaska Democrat expressed his concern because as he stated, "The problems of the American Indians are compounded by the lack of adequate funds for educational purposes."