John Rader to Run Against H. Pollock

John Rader last weekend became a Democratic candidate for the United States House of Representatives.

Rader announced from his Winter Carnival Headquarters in Fairbanks that he mailed his Declaration of Candidacy and filing fee to the Secretary of State on March 8.

Rader said, "I am filing my Declaration of Candidacy from Fairbanks because it was my first home in Alaska. I spent my first night in Alaska under the Chena River Bridge."

Rader said he actually spent his first two weeks in Alaska "camped out in a sleeping bag."

"Much more important that the personal consideration is the fact that Fairbanks represents the dynamic North," Rader said. "Its dynamic recovery from its own flood disaster is indicative of the whole north."

"It represents the development of Arctic oil, copper mining, river and air transportation, the great tourist industry and the native villages in the North. More than any other city in the State Fairbanks is going to be affected by native land claims I support those claims."

"I believe that Fairbanks and the people of the North will greatly benefit by the early resolution of these claims in the most generous possible manner."

Rader said he will conduct a vigorous and positive campaign throughout Alaska.

Sea Otter Fur Market Gets Fashion Boost

JUNEAU—Alaska's sea otter fur market got another big shot in the arm last week in the world of fashion as furriers around the world began receiving orders from Europe and the United States for garments made from the rare pelt.

Women's Wear Daily, the "Bible" of the women's clothing industry, predicted in a front page article on Feb. 27 that the legendary fur from Alaska would become "the in fur of 1968."

In an article accompanied by two large fashion drawings of sea otter coats for both men and women, Women's Wear Daily reported that Princess Luciana Pignatelli called from Rome to Reiss and Fabrizio in New York, to order the furrier's first sea otter creation—a coat called a "Midi."

The article said Reiss and Fabrizio have already pre—sold two other sea otter Midis for fall.

More than 800 of the ultrasoft, shimmering pelts were sold by the State of Alaska at the Seattle fur exchange in January. Bids soared as high as $2,300 for a single pelt—paid for a lot of four skins by Niemann Marcus of Dallas—as dealers from around the world vied for the rare skins.

The sea otter was hunted almost to extinction in the 19th century. No pelts have been legally sold for over 50 years.

Careful conservation practices in Alaska have restored the herds to levels again allowing limited hunting.

Smiling Raymond Paneak to Race In North American Championship

Genial, smiling Eskimo from Anaktuvuk Pass, Raymond Paneak, is racing today in the North American Championship Sled Dog Races.

"I don't think I'm going to win but I'm going to have lots of fun," Raymond told the Tundra Times this week.

In last year's race, Raymond made a rather poor showing in the three—day 70—mile race but he did win the hearts of the sled dog race enthusiasts with his good — natured, smiling, never—say—die attitude.

Raymond may do much better this year however. He has been training his dogs a lot better than he did last year. His big worry has been the warm weather he has to race in here in Fairbanks in mid March.

"It's cold up there in Anaktuvuk Pass and my dogs do much better in it than they do here. Last year, it was too hot for my dogs," he said.

"I have also trained my dogs to run with neck line to the main center tow rope like they use here," he continued. "They weren't used to it last year but now they are."

Raymond Paneak flew in to Fairbanks last Saturday along with his dog handler, Joshua Rulland.

Raymond is being sponsored by the D and B Paint Store in Fairbanks.

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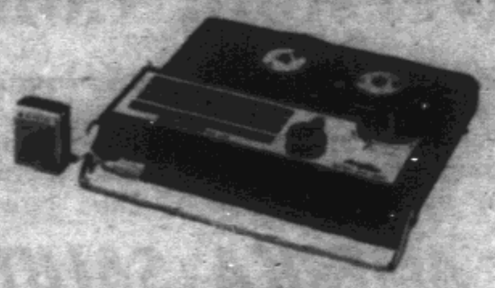

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