

Rader Calls for High-gear Road Development

John L. Rader, Democratic candidate for the U. S. Congress, in a major policy statement today called for a high-gear program of creating development roads to open up Alaskan resources.

Rader urged, "a policy of building Alaska better and opening up our resources more rapidly by creating transportation facilities which will be oriented to development."

"Development roads are an absolute essential if we are to open up our great mineral,

recreational, and tourist resources this generation—instead of waiting for the creeping pace of ordinary development," Rader stated.

Rader said, "The Congressman for Alaska must lead the fight to build development roads—to locate roads to destinations of both mineral and recreation potential."

"A development road program will open up significant mineral and recreational resources many years before con-

ventional highway programs can. We cannot wait for superhighways, we must not wait for development and then build roads to it, we shall not wait on the whim of others to come up with an Alaskan road program suited to our needs for simple, rugged, and cheap highways," Rader mentioned.

"Our Canadian neighbors," Rader commented, "are now following this policy in the Yukon Territory. And there we see new mineral resources being

opened up almost monthly. Mineral exploration is expanding rapidly."

"Development roads are necessary to reduce the high costs of building Alaskan roads and the high cost of maintaining Alaskan roads."

Rader concluded, "I will push for forward-looking development road programs for Alaska which will take us a leap forward in the development of our mineral and recreation resources."