

# **Armstrong fans speculation on Interior Secretary post**

**OUTRAGEOUS!!**  
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The elections have sparked the usual politically-chaotic condition in top government ranks in the nation's capital. Thousands of top administration people are preparing to leave Washington to make way for the wave of the future, the "wave" being, of course, the Carter people. The big question among Alaskans is—"Who will be Interior Secretary?" The speculations are rife—but carefully scrutinized. The word from Carter's camp is that the Alaskan who will have the most influence—is U.S. Senator Mike Gravel, who is easily identified as a "B.C." Carterite—"B.C." meaning Before Convention. But the final decision will be the new President's. According to the most reliable rumors the job of heading Interior is likely to be offered to the following: (1) Walter J. Hickel, a moderate Republican who was fired by Nixon "for the right reason" and "has experience in the job;" (2) Charlie Andrus, Democratic governor of Idaho, who, like Hickel, is a personal friend of Carter's. (3) Charlie Edwardsen, brilliant Eskimo leader who has excellent working relationships with both house of Congress and is an early Carter advocate. (4) Edward Weinberg, former Interior Department Solicitor and the most knowledgeable individual when it comes to the inner workings of the sprawling yet monolithic bureaucracy. Another far-out possibility is Congressman Mo Eldall who was a competitor of Carter's in the primaries. One thing is certain, the massive bureaucracy is about to experience some new and painful traumas as the Carter philosophy cuts, carves and remakes that gigantic apparatus into something more manageable and more responsive to the needs of the people and the times. Chances are excellent that at least one top-level Interior post will be offered to a Kodiak citizen! But we ain't telling who yet!