

EGAN TAKING GOVERNORSHIP

Former Governor Egan Leads Incumbent Miller At Press Time This a.m.

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Alaska's voters were well on their way this morning to returning the State's first governor, William A. Egan, to Juneau.

With results in from 306 out of 407 precincts, Egan with 32,824 votes or 51.6 per cent had pulled ahead of

incumbent Keith H. Miller by about 3,000 votes. Miller had

collected 29,875 votes or 47 per cent.

In the race for the U.S. Senate, incumbent Ted Stevens was headed for a certain victory over Democrat Wendell Kay. Stevens had 37,766 votes or 60 per cent to Kay's 25,203 votes for 40 per cent.

In the race for the U.S. House of Representatives, Democrat Nick Begich showed a 3,000 vote lead over Republican Frank Murkowski. Begich had received 53.7 per cent of the vote or 33,720 votes to his opponent's 29,057 votes for 46.3 per cent.

These returns are unofficial and incomplete, and were the latest available at press time early Wednesday morning.

However, with three-fourths of the votes in, definite trends were apparent.

In the gubernatorial race, voters across the state seemed to be turning thumbs down on the present administration and on a man who was appointed to the office in early 1969 when Walter Hickel resigned to become Secretary of the Interior. Miller's running mate was Robert Ward.

To fill the post, they were turning to 55-year-old Egan who served from 1958 to 1966 as the State's first governor. In 1966, and his third bid for the seat, he lost by a narrow margin to Hickel. Running as lieutenant governor was Red Boucher.

During the campaign, Egan's stand on native land claims was closer to that of the Alaska Fed-



H.A. "RED" BOUCHER
...Coasting in with Egan



WILLIAM A. EGAN
...3,000 votes in the lead



ROBERT WARD
...Trailing with Miller



KEITH H. MILLER
...Incumbent trails Egan



TED STEVENS
...Retains senatorship



NICK BEGICH
...New congressman

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