

Young: There Should Be No Special Election

On October 16, Congressman Nick Begich, D-Alaska, disappeared on a campaign flight from Anchorage to Juneau along with Congressman Hale Boggs, majority leader of the U. S. House, Russell Brown, Administrative assistant to Begich, and Don Jonz, pilot of the plane.

Under law, the workers for Congressman Begich have reopened Begich's campaign ten days before the general election on November 7.

In the meantime, State Senator Don Young has been conducting a low key campaign for the seat of Nick Begich.

Looking somewhat anguished Young this week said, "We have to have representation in Washington. There is no way that we can have representation before 15th of March. Let's forget partisan politics and just think of Alaska."

Young said that his campaign has been difficult, different and crucial for the State of Alaska. And he would rather not have the special election if he does not win on November 7.

"Those people," he pointed

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out, "that are encouraging a special election which would occur, if I'm not elected on November 7, would be first to incur the anger of Congressman Begich. He always prided himself on the attendance record realizing the importance of a strong voice for Alaska."

"The important thing to me," he added, "is not my election but representation of Alaska. I would do anything in the world not to have this thing happen (Begich's disappearance). But it has. And now I'm thinking of the State of Alaska."

Young said he has flown over 50,000 miles during his campaign. He has visited most of the major rural areas, a total of 115 places from Kotzebue to Ketchikan, from Nome to Eagle.

"I believe right now that I understand the problems and opportunities in the bush than any other candidate."

"Nick and I," he concluded, "were political enemies, but we were good friends. I'm sure he'd be the first one to understand and encourage what I'm trying to do to represent Alaska."