

Rader Urges Training For Oil Industry Work

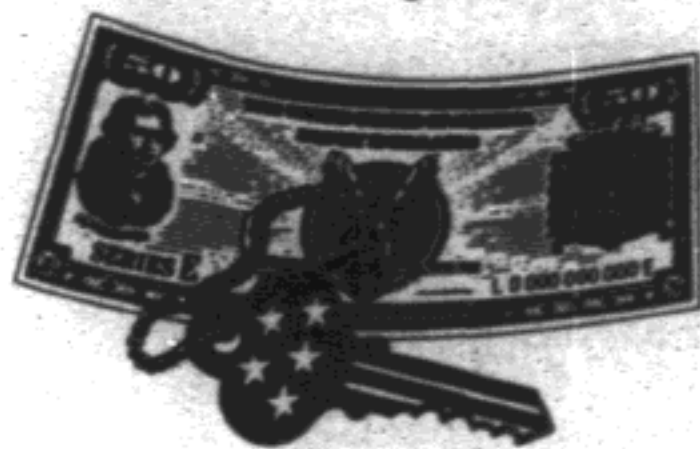
John Rader, Democratic candidate for the United States House of Representatives, urged an immediate meeting of Federal and State agencies and oil companies for the purpose of establishing adult education programs, including on-the-job training, to insure that Alaskans are qualified in the skills necessary to put the North

Slope oil discovery into production.

Commenting on his proposal contained in letters sent to Governor Hickel and several federal agencies Rader said, "This program would teach skills required in all phases of oil production. It would include construction, drilling, pumping, pipeline work and all related support operations."

"We have the students...we have the schools," Rader said. "The Cook Inlet Basin could serve as a training ground in oil production for the unemployed of the North Slope areas. When training is completed, the oil producers of the North Slope will have a skilled work force to provide permanent, stable support because these Alaskans are acclimated to the rigors of the environment."

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Experienced Legislators Needed in Washington

Ted Stevens, Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, speaking before the Anchorage Kiwanis Club, has emphasized the need for experienced legislators in the U. S. Senate, representing Alaska.

"The Congress of the United States is 50 years behind the State Legislature in modernizing their techniques. Those of us who have served in the Alaska legislature have worked hard to

Legislation by Tribes . . .

modernize our procedures. Congress must do the same thing—in the Senate, for instance, it takes 48 minutes to call the roll on any vote. Congress must adapt itself to the computer age—it must have new people, but a Senator for the Seventies must be an experienced legislator who has already learned how to deal with the legislative process."

Stevens again criticized his primary opponent for failing to stand up and face the issues, personally, in an "unrehearsed, free and open debate." "I fail to see," Stevens said, "how the voters can judge a man's ability to speak for Alaska on issues of the day in open debate on the floor of the U. S. Senate if he is unwilling to debate right here at home."

of a sudden someone came up with the bright idea of pooling the claims into one package and proposed a settlement where, in their present state, would never see the light of day," Hopson told the meeting.

Hopson said that the native people themselves had not really presented their own ideas and those that have been presented have been adulterated by slick compromises by "either the state or the supposed Great White Father to a point of impossible propositions designed to further delay or give the natives of Alaska almost nothing."

He said the natives of Alaska, under pressure from the state government, started off on the wrong foot in presenting the native claims.

"Alaska is a big country, the biggest storehouse in the union, the biggest state of all," Hopson said.

"We lost sight of that fact in the first place. The state government does not know how big it is. Even the federal government representatives supposing to help make a presentation never realized how big it is. "If they did, they gambled on our silence and to this point have misled the authors of several pieces of legislation proposing a settlement for our claims. Alaska is so big that in order to go from one point to another within the state, it involves international travel."

"I need not remind you that there are definitely several tribes of native people in Alaska," said Hopson.

He said that if the map of Alaska was transposed over that of the Lower 48, "you could, hypothetically, say that if the Eskimos on the Arctic Slope were in the same location as the Indians of Wisconsin and Michigan, the Aleuts would be in the Arizona, New Mexico area."

"The Northwestern Eskimos on the Seward Peninsula would be in the Washington, Oregon and California area; that would put our Athabaskan neighbors in the Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma country, and finally the Tlingit Indians would be in the Florida country."

"So you see, if the Congress chose to make a package settlement for all the Indians in the Lower 48, not one of the tribes down there would ever be as near satisfied, much less be considered as a tribe."

"Each tribe of people, I don't care where, are proud of their heritage and identification. No Tlingit is going to be happy if you called him an Eskimo, an Aleut wouldn't want to be called an Athabaskan, and I know the Athabaskan wouldn't stand being called a Tsimshian, and for your information, I don't like being called anything but an Eskimo."

Hopson said that Congress had set a precedent long time ago in handling legislation for the aborigines; that unless each tribe is considered separately for a settlement, they are not going to be satisfied.

He said the settlement legis-

lation is going to consider each tribe accordingly.

"Why?" he continued. "Because, where do I read but in the congressional record—the daily recorded proceedings of the United States Congress—that on May 6, 1968, on page H3335, the House passed a bill called, 'Authorizing the use of funds arising from the judgment in favor of the Spokane tribe of Indians.'

"That on the same page and the same day, a bill was passed 'Authorizing the purchase, sale and exchange of certain lands of the Spokane Indian reservation,' that on page H3336 on the same day, another bill was passed, 'Granting minerals including oil and gas on certain lands in the Crow Indian reservation, Montana, and for other purposes.'

"Again on the same day, a bill was passed 'Granting minerals including oil and gas

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public trust of politicians and their efforts.

Perhaps it is time a little "character" came back into elective office.

I have respect for Senator Gruening and Mr. Taylor, and only hope this unfortunate remark was a "slip-of-the-moment" and not an indication of mud-slinging to come.

It is my hope and prayer that my fellow Democrats, Mr. Taylor, and Sen. Gruening, will join me in an effort to make 1968 a "clean campaign" year, and that we can go a long way to establishing a new "campaign ethics."

With Best Regards, I am,

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