



GARETH WRIGHT CONFERS— State House candidate, Gareth Wright, right, is conferring with Gov. Walter J. Hickel of Alaska on the

retention of medical clinic in Tok. Gareth is famed for his years of competition in major sled dog races in Alaska.

Gareth Wright Says No Closure for Tok Clinic

Medical clinic facilities at Tok will not be torn down by the State of Alaska, Gareth Wright, candidate for the State House said this week.

"The clinic can stay where it is," Wright said, "and nobody is going to make the Tok people move it."

In a letter from Carl P. Johnson, director of buildings for the State Department of Public Works, Wright was told by Johnson, "On July 1 this department

will assume control of these buildings (presently owned by the Department of Highways). We have no plans to destroy the buildings."

Johnson continued, "I see no reason why they (the clinic facilities) should not continue to be used as long as they are satisfactory to the use."

Fear that the Tok Community Clinic would be moved from its present location was voiced by that clinic's secretary, Mrs. Mae Mattila late in September. She wrote Wright's brother, Rep. Jules Wright who is not seeking re-election.

Jules and Gareth Wright conferred with Gov. Walter Hickel and his assistant Wally Kubley on the Tok clinic matter two weeks ago, when the governor was in Fairbanks.

Jules Wright said, "We called Tok right after we talked with the governor and told the people in Tok we were doing everything

we could to resolve their clinic problem."

Gareth Wright, well known in Tok and the Interior of Alaska for his years of dog racing, pointed out the necessity of keeping a facility in Tok to service the hundreds of people in the area.

"The Tok clinic doesn't just service the people in the town of Tok," he said. "It services many many people—many of them Native friends of mine in places like Tetlin, Northway, Tanacross, and Mentasta."

In a telegram to Wright today, the governor's office said, "Under no circumstances will the buildings, which the Tok clinic occupies, be destroyed."

Wright said he is investigating the availability of funds for upgrading the present Tok medical facility, he would work toward getting such an appropriation if elected to the State House of Representatives.

Canada North Development Man Appointed

(Special to the Tundra Times)

From BETZI WOODMAN

The post of Assistant Deputy Minister for Economic Development will be filled November 1 by a Quebec-born man with many years service in public life.

Jean-Baptiste Bergevin, 45, comes to the position from Quebec City where he held various provincial government positions which included until recently his work as Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Colonization in charge of administering the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act.

In his new position, Bergevin is responsible for the new program of economic development for Indians and for those programs directed toward the economic development of the Northern Territories.

Among his previous positions, Bergevin served in 1959 on the Technical Assistance Board of the United Nations and in this capacity helped to establish a national accounts system and the preparation of an economic development plan for Tunisia.

Begich Strongly Opposed to Gun Control

In a statement released Monday through his Fairbanks headquarters, Nick Begich, Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress, stated, "I am strongly opposed to gun control legislation of any kind."

"In a new and growing state such as Alaska with vast areas of wilderness and remote areas, the gun is an important tool of everyday living. Many Alaskans living in rural areas and native villages feed their families with game brought down by their guns. Guns help provide bounty money and protect cabins and camps from wild animals."

"I have traveled extensively in remote areas and villages of Alaska and believe that gun legislation would be a hardship on our native peoples, as well as a practical impossibility to enforce."

"It is interesting to note, that the two states where the Kennedy assassinations took place, Texas and California, both have state gun control legislation. We must find more basic underlying solutions to hate and violence than gun controls."

"If elected to Congress as your representative I will oppose federal gun legislation and registration."

GUN CONTROL



The violence and crime which rips our country apart are rooted in the bowels of our nation's morality. Gun control is not the solution to our problems—and particularly not here in Alaska.

For Alaskans, control of our firearms is control of a segment of Alaskans' independent nature. Yet the Democratic Presidential candidate believes there are even more "ways" to effectively control the right to have arms. It is, therefore, necessary to oppose vigorously any candidate sharing that position.

Elmer Rasmuson believes in Alaska's heritage and the traditions that make our state great. He believes that the federal government's role in this vital issue should be one limited to cooperation with those states desiring control of guns. He does not believe the federal government should attempt to impose regulation on those states, including Alaska, who do not desire such controls.

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SOME LEGISLATION ENACTED THIS YEAR:

- Appropriates \$1 million to the Alaska Native Housing Program to match \$10 million in Federal funds of which Congress has only appropriated \$1 million. \$95,000 was appropriated to the Alaska Native Program for immediate implementation of the program. (Chapter 212)
- Authorizes State grants to be made for the construction of basic facilities in rural area communities. (Chapter 201)
- If a district has less than 600 pupils and maintains both an elementary and a secondary school, it is entitled to one teacher unit (state funded) as an allowance for administrators. (Chapter 48)

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