

Blume confident in his quest for U.S. House nomination

Democratic Congressional candidate Allen Blume announced July 12, following a series of meetings with his statewide campaign team that he will continue in the primary race for the U.S. House nomination.

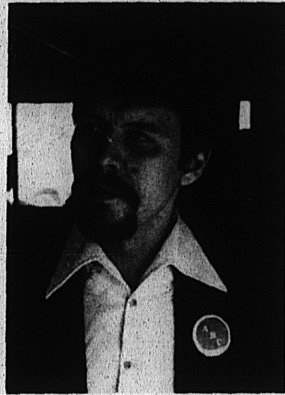
The candidate said that rumors of his intent to withdraw from the race are false. "I am convinced that we can win on August 24. We have completed our travel schedule for the next 44 days, and I will be on the move to all areas of Alaska. I will continue to seek opinions and advice from the people I meet," he said.

"The Alaskan voter has not had an opportunity to hear any of the issues debated by any of the candidates, including the incumbent. We have invited all of the Democratic candidates to meet for a public discussion, but to date have had no takers.

"I am afraid that this lack of response will deprive the people of this state of information and perspectives that they need to select their next representative," Blume noted.

The Fairbanks challenger said that he is basing his campaign on a concern for the future direction of Alaska, and the obvious lack of control the state's citizens have in determining their economic and social destiny.

"The only way that Alaskans can escape the 5000-mile federal screwdriver is through the return of the decision-making process



ALLEN BLUME

to the people. I believe that Citizen's Advisory Boards and a positive public planning approach is one way of restoring confidence in our political system."

Blume says that he favors speedy resolution of the D-2 lands issue in a fair and equitable manner; Outer Continental Shelf development consistent with local community standards; and is on record supporting the

trans-Alaska gas pipeline. He noted that the state is burdened by many, significant problems for which there are no simple solutions.

"I can't presume to have all of the answers, but see that my role as congressman is to actively seek out opinions and recommendations from the people I want to represent.

"We have come a long way since this campaign started, but we have even further to go before the primary election. Campaigning in Alaska is expensive and time consuming.

Although I want to meet with as many people as possible, I know that I cannot. If someone wants to know exactly where I stand

on any of the issues, they can contact me through my headquarters in Fairbanks, or in Juneau," he added.

Public broadcast bill becomes law

President Ford has signed H.R. 9630, marking the final step for the Educational Broadcasting and Telecommunications Demonstration Act of 1976.

This law continues and expands a program to support and fund public broadcasting and is particularly concerned this year with promoting nation-

wide public radio coverage with new construction.

With the addition of report language added by U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens during Commerce Committee consideration of the bill, the law also provides that the areas presently without public broadcasting facilities will be given top priority consideration for construction funds for public radio facilities.

Arnold to direct education program

The education director for the Alaska Native Foundation, Bob Arnold, has been named director of a newly funded program to provide technical assistance to school districts to help them provide greater equality of educational opportunity to all students.

To conduct the technical assistance program, the foundation is establishing what is known as a General Assistance Center, authorized under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

There are 27 such centers in the nation, all charged with providing race and sex desegregation-related assistance.

The foundation has received a contract award of \$323,730 from the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare to carry out its program over a 12 month period.

Before joining the foundation in 1974 to direct a land claims curriculum development project, Arnold was executive director of the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission. A 15-year resident

of Alaska, he has written extensively on education and Alaska natives. He is a former teacher and was a member of the Anchorage School Board in 1970-1973.

Activities of General Assistance Centers typically include developing of curriculum materials and conducting of in-service workshops, as well as providing more generalized assistance.

Alaskan law texts recommended

The newly published "Bibliography of Law Related Curriculum Materials" of the Special Committee on Youth Education for Citizenship, American Bar Association, has recommended three texts co-authored by Stephen Conn, associate professor of law with the University of Alaska Institute of Social, Economics and Government Research and assistant director of Bush Programs, Criminal Justice Center, U of A.

The book, which totaled 13 in all in the bibliography, are recommended texts for use in the study of law in other societies in primary and secondary school programs.

Recommended were "Alaska Natives and the Law: Bicultural Education for Village Schools," co-authored with U of A Professor Arthur Hippler, and "The Law of the People," co-authored with Dan Vicenti, Leonard Jimson and H.E.L. Kellogg.

The most recent text, "Alaska Natives and the Law," soon will be released by Alaska Legal Service. It is described in the bibliography as a program of

legal education for Alaska Eskimos and Indians which presents law and custom comparatively. It may provide a model for bicultural programs elsewhere.

"Athabascan Law Ways" briefly examines how Alaska Indians define justice and describes how they implement their law ways. Intended to be a text and sourcebook for teaching Navajo students about law, "Law of the People" is a four volume text which includes both Navajo and white law.

Copies of the annotated bibliography may be obtained from the Special Committee on Youth Education for Citizenship, American Bar Association, 1155 E. 60th St., Chicago, Ill. 60637.

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