

Editorial—

Deputy Emil Notti, A Good Choice

Emil Notti, former head of the Alaska Federation of Natives, was appointed by Gov. William A. Egan to the post of deputy commissioner of the State Department of Health and Welfare last week. We think the choice is a good one which could prove significant as time goes because Notti has a rich background of administrative experience some of which took no patsy to operate. He has also been in close touch with common people and knows their problems his new post can help to alleviate. Most of all, he knows the complex problems of the native people and the injustices they suffer even under the very agency into which he has been appointed.

Perhaps on that basis alone, significant progress can be achieved in the dispensation of services not for the native people alone but for every person who is poor.

Along with his superior, Commissioner Frederick P. McGinnis, the team should influence fairness in the distribution of services and efficiency in the distribution of those services. The two top officials of that agency know each other well and this should be an asset to both of them in a cooperative effort out of which the state should benefit.