

# John Lee Injured In Plane Mishap

Dr. John F. Lee, Director of Alaska Area Native Health Service is recovering at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage from injury received in a plane mishap while he was participating in a field Medical Clinic. He suffered severe lacerations on the face and legs.

The light aircraft carrying two other personnel from Anchorage and the pilot crashed and burned on takeoff last Sunday afternoon at Paulooff Harbor and was en-route to False Pass, the second of three scheduled clinics. The third was to be at Atka.

Oren Siegert, pilot of the

aircraft was most seriously injured, also with severe facial lacerations. He is reported in satisfactory condition at Providence Hospital in Anchorage. The other passengers received only superficial injuries.

The others were Dr. Francis M. Raley, Staff Physician at ANMC and Miss Louise Mackin, a nurse from the center.

A crabbing vessel took the survivors to Cold Bay where a Reeve Aleutian plane, fortunately delayed by storms, picked them up for flight to Anchorage. They arrived there about 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Dr. Lee was making his first trip to the bush for a field clinic since he assumed the Director position last July. Actual participation in the various parts of the U.S. Public Health Service Program in Alaska is part of his personal approach to the job.