

Emil Notti Says Red Boucher Spurns Debate

Earlier this month, Emil Notti, D-Sitka, now running for Secretary of State, challenged H.A. "Red" Boucher, D-Fairbanks, and Rep. Chuck Sassara, D-Anchorage, to debate the issues pertinent to Alaska.

Sassara and Boucher are seeking the State Secretary of State slot as is Notti.

Boucher in a letter pointed out to Notti that his schedule was full to visit cities, "but also to such remote villages as Anak-tuvuk Pass, Kaktovik, Nooiksut and Allakeket."

Notti had proposed a debate in three of Alaska's largest cities Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.

"I will be glad," Boucher stated, "to discuss on either television or at a village council meeting our plans for utilizing the Secretary of State's office as the 'governor's ear to the people.'"

Emil Notti in Fairbanks said today, "Boucher's offer to debate the 'governor's ear to the people' campaign slogan is in effect a refusal to debate the issues as he was challenged to do."

"Obviously," Notti added, "issues have no place in a slick, high-priced TV image campaign."