

# Natives In Race for Legislative Slots

Three Interior Alaska Native leaders have filed on the Republican ticket for the House of Representatives.

John Sackett, a University of Alaska student originally from Huslia, filed from District 15. Ralph Perdue and Jules Wright, both prominent in the Fairbanks Native Association, filed from District 16.

Sackett is currently president of the Tanana Chief's Conference and a member of the board of directors of the Fairbanks Native Association. He stated that his reason for running was to offer good representation for his people.

District 15 (including Nenana, Tanana, Galena, Rampart, Ruby, Minto, Healy, and other villages) has never had a representative elected.

Sackett said that if he is elected he will work very hard toward better employment, utilization of natural resources, and better education. Other goals he favors

are better communication, better health and sanitation, and a non-profit outlet store for Native arts and crafts.

Ralph Perdue is a former president of the Tanana Chief's Conference, as well as one of the original organizers of the Fairbanks Native Association.

Jules Wright is serving his second term as president of the Fairbanks Native Association. Born in Nenana, Wright has lived in Fairbanks several years.

Wright stated that he did not want to run "on the accomplishments of the Fairbanks Native Association." He said, "What that group has done, it has done as a group, and not as the accomplishment of any single person."

Wright said, "I want to see better opportunity offered to the lower income people of Alaska." He stated that better education was one of his chief goals.