

# Emil Notti Will Stress Environment in Race

The president of the Alaska Federation of Natives Emil Notti's entrance into the political race as a last minute candidate for Secretary of State has stirred political circles from one end of the state to the other.

Notti has entered the race on the Democratic ticket.

"I have been urged to file for a statewide office for the past six months—for a year, really—and I consistently refused to consider it," Emil Notti revealed today.

Notti said that the main motivating reason for his decision to run for statewide office was that he became concerned that as Alaska developed, people would make necessary expenditures to preserve the unique quality of life that we enjoy.

"Good conservation practices for preventing mistakes would create many meaningful jobs and insure that our children and those who will come after us can enjoy the beauty and pure environment that we are fortunate to have in our time."

Notti said that since his announcement he has received many telephone calls, telegrams and letters expressing support and enough volunteers "to carry off a respectable, high level campaign on a very low budget."

The candidate is 37 years old, married and father of three chil-

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dren. Of Athabascan descent, he was born and raised in the Yukon River communities.

He said his father, Joseph Notti, was an associate of Felix Pedro in founding the present site of the City of Fairbanks.

He served honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Korean war. He then went to college and earned a science degree in electronic engineering in 1961. He later returned to Alaska. He is now operating his own electronic systems firm at Sitka where the family is now making its home.

Emil Notti has been a recognized leader not only in Anchorage, where he lived for several years, but throughout the state.

He has served as a member of the Anchorage School Board, as a director of the Anchorage Centennial Commission, State Mental Health Committee, Camp Fire Girls and Jesse Lee Home.

The candidate is perhaps best known as the president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, the office he has held since 1966.

Through his quiet work with the AFN, Notti has earned a reputation as a major influence for

thoughtful and moderate action to bring the claims to a speedy and just conclusion in the interest of all Alaskans.

In 1969, he was honored by the Alaska Methodist University with the presentation of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. In the same year he was also the finalist in the selection of the Alaskan of the Year.

Notti has selected Anchorage attorney John Havelock as his state chairman of the Emil Notti campaign committee. Havelock was frank in his assessment of the Notti campaign:

"We don't have any money; we don't have any party pros. All we have is the right man for the job."

In calling for volunteer help, Havelock said, "What we lack in experience will be made up in spirit."

Emil Notti assessed the native leadership quality:

"In the land claims arguments, we have told the Congress that we can shoulder responsibility and be responsible to all citizens and the American system of government."