

Electrical Power for Villages Is Asked

Fairbanks newsman Larry Brayton, running for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senator, has called for "throwing out the kerosene lamps in the state of Alaska and replacing them with the electric light bulb."

Brayton, in a Fourth of July speech to a group assembled at Bethel, pointed out that Alaska is "an undeveloped country in that we have more oil and gas burning lamps per capita than do some countries now receiving American economic and technical aid."

Brayton called for supplying electric power in the smaller, outlying communities with small generators. "As Alaska's first Republican United States Senator, I will help to organize community self-help organizations with funds for this power development coming through the REA," Brayton continued.

"This plan is the only one I can now see that will provide power—or turn the lights on—for many of our residents

living in areas that will not be anywhere near a major power line or power development in the foreseeable future," Brayton said.

Brayton also reiterated to the Bethel meeting his earlier proposal for the holding of a referendum vote among Alaska's Native population on the Native land-claim question.

"I, and many others I am sure, want to know what our Native people are thinking about this important issue. So let's ask them by getting this vote," Brayton concluded.