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Pilot Politico Offers Rivals His Plane for Campaign

Something of a politically amicable campaign rivalry is being proposed by the ever effervescent Fred Notti, a veteran native bush pilot who is comically bent as well as an astute

individual on serious matters.

He is the brother of Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Fred, who owns a plane, is proposing that he and "Ali Gash"

(Fred Stickman, Sr., the inimitable Letter to the Editor writer of the Interior), campaign in Fred's plane for the same seat in the State House of Representatives from District 15.

Stickman who recently said, "I want to let you know that I am forced to throw my hat and my gray hair into the Democratic Bucket in the primary in August," was rather noncommit-

tal on the idea.

Fred Notti who plans to run on the Democratic ticket, as will Stickman, also plans to propose the same idea to Rep. John

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Sackett, a Republican, that he also join the two Freds and campaign riding in Fred Notti's plane. Sackett, of Athabaskan descent, is the current incumbent in the State House.

Fred Notti, who travels a great deal on his plane throughout the Interior and elsewhere, said he decided to run while on one of his trips.

"I stopped," Fred writes (see letter on page 2, today's issue), "in Nulato and asked my good friend Ali Gash (Fred Stickman) for his support. He would travel with me and we could both campaign for the same seat.

"When my other close friend John Sackett returns from Juneau, I will make the same offer. I think we could all have a ball doing it this way.

"Ali Gash told me I would be easy for him to beat in the primaries. I want to support him all the way."

What will they think of next?