

SEN. BARTLETT LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR RE-ELECTION

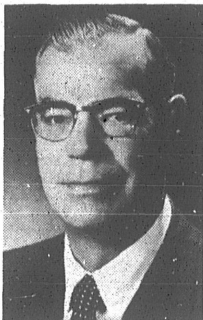
FAIRBANKS, March 25—In launching his campaign for re-election last Friday, Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett, D-Alaska, made it clear that he will put on an extensive campaign in the outlying villages for himself and to help the Democratic candidates seeking of-

fice in the coming election.

Senator Bartlett made the announcement at a press conference in Fairbanks.

The Senator said his decision had been made after "searching self-examination."

Bartlett said that he had concluded that he had "the enthusiasm and the drive to



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continue the kind of service" Alaskans had endorsed nine times.

He was first sent to Washington as territorial Delegate in 1944, succeeding the late Judge Anthony J. Dimond. He was re-elected six times, holding the post longer than any other person.

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Bartlett and former territorial Governor Ernest Gruening were elected the state's first U.S. Senators when Alaska became a state. Bartlett received 83.8 per cent of the vote over his Republican opponent.

In a ceremony on the Senate floor, Bartlett drew a two-year term. He was elected to a full six-year term in 1960.

Bartlett said that he "eagerly" awaited the coming campaign, "the perfect way our democracy tests men and methods."

"An election campaign is time for study of the past, inspection of the present and assessment of the future," he said.

"I intend to visit as many Alaska communities and see as many Alaskans as I can in the months ahead. It is my intention to report on the past, to discuss the future and, even more important, to meet and talk with as many of you as I can," he said.

Bartlett, whose record of public service for his state goes back to 1939 when he was appointed Secretary of Alaska by President Roosevelt, said that Alaska was "his home and his dream."

In making his announcement in Fairbanks the Senator returned to the city which was his home from 1905 to 1933.

Bartlett is a member of the Senate Commerce and Appropriations Committees. He is on the subcommittees handling appropriations for the Departments of the Interior, Health, Education and Welfare and Labor, and for the Departments of the Treasury, Post Office and Executive Office, and the District of Columbia.

As a member of the Commerce Committee, he serves on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries and Aviation subcommittees.

Bartlett is the only Senator who is a member of both the authorization and appropriations committees for the Coast Guard.