



**WORKING LUNCHEON**—Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett hosts Mrs. Mary Hale, chairman of the Alaska State Commission on the Arts, and Dr. S. Dillon Ripley, chief executive officer of the Smithsonian Institution, at a working luncheon in the Senate Dining Room

in the Capitol on possible federal participation in an Alaska totem pole survey. In the background is Mrs. Margery Smith, executive secretary to Senator Bartlett. Mrs. Hale is seeking assistance for a planned \$43,000 survey of totem poles in Alaska.

## Mary Hale Seeks to Enlist Federal Assistance to Survey Totems in Southeastern Alaska Area

**WASHINGTON**—Initial efforts to enlist federal assistance for a survey of totem poles in Southeastern Alaska were made recently by Mrs. Mary Hale of Anchorage, chairman of the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett, D-Alaska, arranged a meeting for Mrs. Hale with Dr. S. Dillon Ripley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to discuss participation of the Smithsonian in the survey project.

Mrs. Hale said that the state Council on the Arts was seeking a field survey of all totems and totem fragments remaining in Alaska. She estimated that \$43,000 would be required for the year study.

"In 1938," Mrs. Hale said, "about 160 totem poles in good shape existed in Alaska. Now there are less than 50, as far as we know."

Bartlett, who participated in the meeting with the Smithsonian's chief executive,

said:

"Dr. Ripley was interested in the project. He recognizes the great value of Alaska totem poles to art historians."

"Unfortunately," Bartlett added, "the squeeze on the federal budget plus the lateness of the request makes the prospect of direct financial federal assistance during the budget year beginning July 1 highly doubtful. But indirect participation of the Smithsonian could help immeasurably."