

# Senator Gravel Advisor Bernard Poirier Resigns

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Senator Mike Gravel announced the resignation of his executive advisor, Bernard W. Poirier.

Poirier, who has been on leave for the last two weeks has been a member of the Gravel staff since June, 1969. He is returning to the business community.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Poirier said that the time spent in Senator Gravel's office has been "one of the most challenging and interesting periods for me personally and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have shared in exciting moments of your accomplishments for the nation and for Alaska."

Prior to joining Senator Gravel's staff in Washington, Mr. Poirier had been international commercial manager of the largest U.S. owned research laboratory in Europe and lived in Paris, France.

He commuted monthly to North America where he also directed contract research in Canada's north. He is originally from Rhode Island.

Senator Gravel commented: "Perry has been a distinct asset to my staff, particularly because of his work with satellite communications. His work has been invaluable to me in bringing reliable communications services to many of the remote areas of Alaska. I shall miss him on my staff but wish him well in his new endeavors."