

# Joe Josephson Tosses Hat for U.S. Senate

ANCHORAGE—State Senator Joe Josephson (D-Anch) formally announced this week his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to the United States Senate.

Josephson, a five-year veteran of the Alaska State Legislature and former Anchorage City Councilman, referred in his announcement to his experience as an aide to the late E.L. (Bob) Bartlett in 1959 and 1960.

"That background," Josephson said, "has taught me that the United States Senate is the world's greatest legislative body and that no American can aspire to any office higher than [such] service. . . I have consulted with many Alaskans about this decision.

"I have considered carefully the effect of this decision on my state and my family, and I have decided that in taking this campaign to the people of Alaska, we must wage it as we have

always waged campaigns in the past—solely on the basis of the key issues which Alaskans face now and which will be so important in the future."

Josephson, an Anchorage attorney, is married. He and his wife, Karla—a former aide to Wisconsin Senator William Proxmire—have three children.

After leaving the staff of Senator Bartlett, Josephson entered political life in 1962, winning a seat in the Alaska House of Representatives. He was re-elected in 1964, and in 1966, won a seat on the Anchorage City Council.

Josephson returned to the legislative arena in 1968, gaining election to the Alaska State Senate.

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