

# *Letter to Editor*

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Dear Editor:

I am disturbed by the brochure being distributed by Dr. Lee McKinley, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate. He wants to reduce "those taxes which are spent on foolish and ineffective 'Great Society' schemes like Youth Corps, Job Corps, VISTA," etc., etc.

Mr. McKinley apparently does not realize what these programs mean to the poor people of the nation—including the village people of Alaska.

The Neighborhood Youth Corps has given young people an opportunity to earn money for the school year—besides performing useful and needed services in their villages.

Does Mr. McKinley want to abolish the NYC programs, the VISTA program and other projects designed to help the poor help themselves improve their living conditions?

This is apparently his stand.

It is apparent from Mr. McKinley's brochure that he would vote against these programs. The Native people of Alaska know that Senator Bartlett has worked diligently on our behalf. He has successfully secured \$10 million for a Native housing program; he has helped the Aleut's to become self-governing; he has pushed for better communications between villages and given moral support in our land claims.

I am convinced that the simple answers to complex questions which Mr. McKinley offers are not based on the realistics of today. This is 1966—not 1899.

Sincerely,

William Hensley