

Melvin Charlie of Minto Files for State House of Representatives

"The Native Land Claims has made a tremendous impact on the State of Alaska and especially toward the outlook on Native programs that are now in existence."

Concern for those programs and many others directly affecting Natives, such as flood restoration, participation of young people in government at all levels, Native self-determination, and better schools, have led Melvin Charlie of Minto to file for the House of Representatives.

"There will probably be legislation introduced in the State Legislature to cut many services we are now receiving both from State and Federal government," said Charlie. "I will strongly

and vigorously oppose any action that will jeopardize the Native people, not only in my region but Alaska as a whole."

"I can see in the future," he added, "a backlash toward all Alaskan Natives as soon as monies are appropriated to their respective regions."

Melvin Charlie has lived in a village and understands the hardships that are encountered there. At the same time, he is experienced in working with state, local, and federal government to effect changes.

He is presently treasurer for the Tanana Chiefs, and serves on the DNH Development Corporation Board, and the Alaska Plan Policy Making Committee for Minority hire in Alaska.

He was the coordinator for the Tanacross Village move for the AFN, and is field director for the Office of Indian Op-



MELVIN CHARLIE

portunity. Richard Frank of Minto is Charlie's campaign manager.

Lake Otis Clinic At Anchorage

The Health Services and Mental Health Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has awarded a grant for \$530,000 to the Lake Otis Clinic in Anchorage.

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