

organization committee of Alaska Methodist University. In private and public groups, on state, local and national levels (he's a member of the Rhodes Scholar Selection Committee). Elmer Rasmuson has worked to make the dream of education to its highest level a reality for Alaskan school children.

#### STRATEGIC MILITARY AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

Aware of Alaska's strategic importance nationally, Elmer has served as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (gaining an Outstanding Civilian Service Medal during his eight-year tenure), served as Chairman of the National Security Seminar of the Armed Forces, and worked with the Army and Alaska Command Advisory Boards. He's a member of the Navy League, Defense Orientation Association and the Association of the U.S. Army.

As a businessman, Elmer has traveled the world, particularly the important countries of Asia. He has a first-hand knowledge of the problems under-developed, Communist-threatened countries face, and some specific thoughts about the role America can play in maintaining free world security.

As a successful businessman, he has a global view of the ways and means by which Alaska's great resources can best be utilized—and a straightforward, dollars and cents attitude toward prudent, wise handling of national as well as state wealth.

As a Senator, Elmer will continue to do what he has done so well before—pursue every



A licensed pilot, Elmer gets around the state in his own plane.



A proud moment—Elmer and his wife, Mary Louise, are invested with membership in the Alaska Native Brotherhood.

economic, social and international opportunity for Alaska's betterment.

#### A MAN FROM THE RANKS

He's not naive in the ways of politics, either. Elmer has been a lifelong Republican, starting with membership in the Young Republicans in his years in New York. Since returning to Alaska he has been continuously active in party affairs here, serving at both state and local levels . . . from delegate to the Republican conventions to member of the non-partisan Anchorage City Council and, most recently, as Mayor of Anchorage. Elmer knows that politics is the art of the possible—and it's an art his can-do record has shown he has mastered.

In all his public and civic service, Elmer has sought to make a reality out of things he believes in—bringing the people closer to government, and government more responsive—and responsible—to people.

In 1938, Elmer and Lile Vivian Bernard were married. They raised three children—Edward,



An ardent and accomplished skier, Elmer takes to the slopes whenever he gets a chance.



Lile, and Judy. Mrs. Rasmuson died in 1960. Later, Elmer remarried—bright, attractive Mary Louise Milligan, former Director of the U.S. Women's Army Corps. They make their home in Anchorage.

#### THE PEOPLE RESPOND

In 1967, an Appreciation Dinner was held, honoring Elmer for his services as Mayor of Anchorage. Elmer's leadership, his enthusiasm, his vision were singled out for praise. Before his election as Mayor, he had talked about his boundless optimism for his city and his land. But the praise given him at the Appreciation Dinner that meant the most to him was the citation that "by your actions and accomplishments . . . you established the highest standards for those who share your 'boundless optimism' for the future."

This has been his aim—to lead as a citizen those who have a dream for Alaska and a faith in her future.



The one that didn't get away! Elmer's belief in multiple use of Alaska's resources is a very personal one, especially where fishing is concerned.