

Letters from Here and There

Tundra Times advocate returns to Alaska

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Dear Howard,

I think you may remember me as an advocate for Tundra Times subscriptions in Seattle and also as P.I.O. for various non-resident Native organizations for ten years.

First, I would like to let you know that I have moved back to Alaska as of last July after fishing Bristol Bay for the sixth season. I plan to stay.

Second, I am looking for a place or a platform (if you will) from which to become involved with my Native peoples. Just last week I was appointed P.I.O. to the Tlingit-Haida Anchorage Community Council which plans to undergo reorganization and plan our future with regard to issues that will go before the Central Council Convention in April. I look forward to being involved in this effort.

Third, On Limited Entry: As long as this issue is on the calendar for later this year in the Legislature "if" enough signatures are obtained on the petition that is going around. In the first place, I believe that Alaska's Natives should have been "grand-father cloused" out of all consideration in the then proposed Limited Entry laws. I further believe that if the law is to be reconsidered in the Legislature in any m that an amendment should be worded to the effect as stated above, furthermore: that the aid said amendment include non-resident Natives that (especially those) can prove some per-centage of income dependancey or any amount of reasonable past participation.

I wholeheartedly endorse Limited Entry, but in its present form works untold and undue hardships on Alaska Natives. I'm sure you are aware of all this much more than I when it comes to listing the shortcomings of the law where it concerns our people.

And lastly, I have enjoyed Tundra Times for a number of years and have used it as a reference or text for keeping up with the issues of rural and bush Alaska as well as many other accomplishments made by Native Leaders in Federal and State programatic areas. I too of course, always look for Fred Stickmans letters and have learned to read between the lines to find his own special brand of wisdom-keep em' coming Fred!

I sound like I own Tundra Times also for a new years subscription, but I'm short right now and off work at Valdez with a back injury as a result of a fall on the ice. Hope my Tundra Times keep coming.

My best to you and your staff for all of 1976.

Sincerely,
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Mr. Secretary:

We are writing for your personal assistance this year in getting teams of Siberian and Greenland Eskimos to compete in the Annual World Eskimo-Indian Olympics at Fairbanks, Alaska.

This event is held each year during the last week of July at Fairbanks with teams from all over Alaska, the Lower 48 states, and the Canadian Arctic competing in traditional games.

We have been unable, so far, to have teams of Siberian Eskimos come to compete with their American and Canadian brothers, however, through your good efforts, the political tensions between the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. are relaxing and each nation is actively seeking a better understanding of the others culture. This may be an auspicious time to pursue this

exchange.

We Eskimos share a cultural heritage, customs, and language that transcends International Political Boundaries. Our race is the only major conflict, and, until a decade or so ago, Alaskan and Siberian Eskimos used to trade and visit with each other on a frequent basis. The "cold war" of course ended much of this, and the lines of communications were cut, not by the Eskimos, but by two countries of different ideology.

What we seek is a means to reestablish ties with our Brother in Siberia and Greenland based on our common bonds of culture and language.

Perhaps the world in its quest for peace ought to look to the Eskimo people, who for centuries, have existed without wars or armed conflicts. What the world is seeking we've had for hundred of years.

Yours for a
better world,
John L. Heffle, Sr.
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Siberian Eskimos invited

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A non-profit organization
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Cultural Preservation