

# letters...

## Nulato News from Stickman

Nulato, Alaska

June 20, 1977

### Nulato News

Things have been going good before the Break-up. We hauled some gravel from the river for the road to the new village, and the telephone was working perfect. But some one got scared of the Flood and cut the phone out. Now they can't fix it. Cost you 100 dollars charter to Galena to make a phone call, and its also out of order, you can't win.

I was in Fairbanks to get a fishing license but they turned me down. So I went to Tanana Chief for help and also Doyon, but all the Big Wheels were out fishing and only girls were in the offices. So I came home without a fishing license, and I got a job to buy fish. I without a license. So it sure stinks, I mean the fish law. I have to try to get rid of them, and get new ones.

I chartered a plane to Galena to see Ted Stevens and John Sackett. I met Ted Stevens, but not Sackett. Stevens said he couldn't help me, but Sackett could. The river is pretty high. Water for fishing might be bum. I hope not. I can't go along with this. You have to have a permit to cut wood to cut house logs. I just start a fire with it. Also staking the land where I sit on all my life.

You can't teach an old dog new tricks, thats me thats Fred Stickman. That the old man. No new tricks. It would be a little different maybe if they pension me off with my land claims money instead of waiting until 1991 after I'm in the grave. Think about this and let me know.

—Fred Stickman, Sr.

## Smith dislikes dog mess

North Pole Alaska

June 12, 1977

Dr. Henry E. Karp  
Suite 101, Roaring 20's Hotel  
Fairbanks, Alaska

My sincere and humble public apology to Dr. Henry E. Karp of Nassau County, New York. I am told he is offended by my references to his remarks made by him to my son and me, and to his court records, and his dog domociled in my house in North Pole.

After 23 years in Alaska, I find that most Alaskans keep no dogs in their home, or at least let the dogs outside daily to attend to natures calls.

I do respect another mans opinion about dog teams domociled in the living room IF THE DOGS ARE IN HIS HOUSE AND NOT MINE. But I do on bended knee offer my public apology to Dr. Karp for my public protests of Karp's dog defecations in my dining room. (Alaskans perhaps do not understand New Yorkers?)

Respectably yours,

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