

Editorial—

The 3,000 Foot Level Real Estate

There has been very special efforts put forth to point out the purported undesirability of Alaskan real estate at 3,000 foot level and up. Some of the critics of the Alaska native land claims and Johnny Come Latelays are grudgingly saying that by the time the Alaska natives are awarded lands after the settlement, the state won't have much left to select in the lowlands and might have to be forced to select lands at 3,000 foot level and above.

We are at a loss to see why the 3,000 foot level land is worthless. We have seen some of the most beautiful real estate in the Mt. McKinley National Park area that must be at or above the level. Besides, it is the habitat of the most wonderful array of wild animal that must be the envy of much of the world. There must be much more land like that in the rest of the great mountainous areas of Alaska.

Perhaps it might be wise to suggest that the Alaska natives and their leaders ask a bit less than 60 million acres they are asking for land settlement and then ask to get all the land at 3,000 foot level and above. There shouldn't be too much objection to this because of the loud objections to Alaska's native people selecting lands in the lowlands.