

letters

Let us eat

Dear Editor:

Where are you?

I feel that there must be need to write this:

It was always written in your newspapers that the Eskimos lived primitively according to anybody's standards. I know I'm an Eskimo and I don't know of anything written for which we call law, that is the law of a man to hunt his food and yet another mouth who eats says we can only have a few bites.

Then where is my country? Where is my people? The people in Washington, in Juneau, I know I belong to Alaska, I'm Alaskan and I'm people too, the same kind that goes to Washington...

With this quota they have on us, and we're U.S. citizens, makes me feel like I'm not wanted in this world.

I really don't know what

your world is, but this world which God gave me is the world I live on.

Where are my people, the ones who think for people and I know somewhere inside you there is that one side which shows no colors, no strings attached.

My people are starving for the food they eat, as one crew in Barrow did decide to stay even after the set quota was met. We can only watch. Every day in your life remember we watch our food go by and me and my people wait, stay out in the cold, work till you wish you weren't born to be an Eskimo. We are always here, but I hear only voices and read letters, but you have never lived here.

Pete Lisborune

3 minute rate

Dear Editor:

Now that RCA Alascom has been granted its 87% interim rate increase by the Alaska Supreme Court, an action affecting the pocketbook of every Alaskan who uses a telephone, I would like to point out an ex-

isting situation which certainly needs to be changed.

Beyond the fact that it is now cheaper to call Miami, Florida from Ft. Barrow than it is to call Anchorage from our northernmost community, I wonder how many of us realize that we are often paying RCA for charges when we aren't even on the line! I am referring to calls placed within Alaska which are less than 3 minutes in length. While the charges for calls placed Outside are determined on a minute by minute rate, those placed within the state are billed at a 3-minute rate initially, whether or not we are on the line the full time.

Perhaps that doesn't sound like much to you, but consider the following 3-minute charges for daytime calls in Alaska: Kotzebue-Fairbanks \$2.35 (new) vs. \$1.20 (old); Anchorage-Dillingham \$2.15 vs. \$1.10; and Barrow-Nome \$2.55 vs. \$1.30. With such a jump in prices a one-minute rate for intra-Alaska calls would certainly save consumers money and would equalize the way that rates are computed by RCA. Most important of all, we would no longer be

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paying for time not used by us when placing short calls.

Finally, I would like to commend RCA for the speed with which it acted to place its rate increase into effect last Friday afternoon, without announcement or fanfare. I would urge them to act as quickly next time one of the village satellite telephones goes out of service and requires attention.

Carl Berger