

Native leader not properly recognized

To the Editor:

I just finished watching the special show on t.v. showing the Pope and the President.

I dunno what everybody else thought about this, but did you catch the 2½ second smile and hand shake between President Reagan and Chief Andrew Issac as he passed through the crowd? If you hadn't seen our Chief's feathers nobody would have ever known that two very important dignitaries from two very important "countries" had just crossed paths.

I just wish that the people of the "dominant society"

would try once to have as much respect for our dignitaries as we have for theirs. After all, symbolically speaking (and realistically as well) we have been here always, in the blood of our ancestors.

I would have liked the t.v. announcer to at least say "Now the President and the Pope are being introduced to the Traditional Chief of the Athabaskan Nation of Alaska. Chief Andrew Issac," or something like that. Do you think the President or the Pope realize how important our Traditional Chief is to us? Do you suppose

someone told them? Do you think they'll remember ever shaking his hand?

I suppose this should be very symbolic to us, it is to me anyway. Notice how in a glimpse the "world" shook our hand and passed us by, melting us together with the rest of the crowd? Well...that's alright, I guess. At least our dignitaries are free. I'd hate to see Chief Andrew Issac, John Sackett or Pat Frank surrounded by Secret Service Agents.

Whatever.

Rudy Hamilton

Letter writers support policy

To the Editor:

This is in response to your policy involving your paper which came out in your 5/6/84 issue. I myself, believe that you have a good policy as it is. If those people want to put each other down, let them take it to their back yard.

I say this because, you folks running this paper, have been doing a great job!

I may be way down here in Lompoc California. But that doesn't take me away from, what's going on up north. I'll be down here reading & voicing my opinions for the good of the paper.

The Tundra Times, is losing a very valuable person, Linda Lord-Jenkins, has dedicated her time and work for the paper. And the publisher; Sylvia Carlsson; has made a great choice, because; Bill Hess has done a great job as a reporter and a photographer for this paper. and I'm sure Bill Hess will, rededicate his time and effort as acting Editor as he has done in the past.

And I wish both, Linda and Bill the best in their new field of work, because we know, they're going to do a great job.

So S.M.C. and the crew of the Tundra Times. It don't matter

what other people say about one another. because you know this paper is about natives and for natives of Alaska that's why we call it the Tundra Times.

In Spirit

S.P. Tuckfield
Lompoc, California

Nothing gained

Dear Editor:

I have just completed reading your editorial in the May 16 edition of the Tundra Times, and the purpose of this note is to commend you and the paper for its policy as described by you.

In my opinion there is absolutely nothing to be gained, particularly under today's circumstances, by not publishing reports of a negative nature--and especially when the individual or organization is identified.

Best personal regards and keep up the good work.

C. R. Elder, Jr.

Yellow journalism

Dear Publisher:

Your policy of focusing on issues and individual achievement is both commendable and journalistically sound.

The current media trend to sensationalize individual foibles--often unfounded--is nothing short of yellow journalism.

If I want a gossip sheet, I will subscribe to the National Enquirer. In the meantime, I look forward to the Times' continued balanced reporting.

Sincerely,

Robert Gourley