

The Alaska Native Reading Program

Dear Editor:

Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp #2, the Juneau Native Education Commission and the Before Columbus Foundation have announced creation of The Alaska Native Reading Program. This is a pilot program that will be based in Juneau for the present time. It may be expanded to other communities in the future. The purpose of the program is to make more high quality reading on Alaska Natives available to local Native students.

The program will have four components:

I. Books for the Alaska Native Student Summer Reading. Books will be collected for the K-12 age group. The books will be distributed throughout the summer at Native organization picnics by Native teachers and administrators on the Juneau School District staff. The program made the first distribution at the ANB/ANS picnic held on June 20 at Sandy Beach in Douglas.

II. Books for Native Prisoners. Books will be collected for the Alaska Native Culture Club at the Lemon Creek Correction Center.

III. Books will be collected to augment the library of the Juneau School District Indian Studies Program. This library, one of the hidden resources of the community, is already a fairly comprehensive collection of Native American literature. It will be expanded to include a multicultural section, the Smithsonian's *Handbook of the North American Indians* series and a section on American Indian Law.

IV. Books will be purchased to augment the Juneau Reading Recovery Program.

Book donations and discounts are being solicited locally, regionally and nationally.

The program has already received commitments for substan-

tial book discounts from the Alaska Native Language Center, the University of Washington Press, Sealaska Heritage Foundation, and I. Reed Books.

To encourage students to utilize the Indian Studies library, ANB Camp #2 has retained the services of Father Micheal Oleksa to develop an annotated bibliography. He will build upon the work of Richard Dauenhauer, author of *Alaska Native Literature Selected Bibliography*, a bibliography of bilingual editions of Alaska Native oral literature, and of new creative writing in English and Native languages.

Father Micheal anticipates he will have a rough draft of the bibliography ready by the start of the 1993-94 school year.

All book donations and information on book discounts should be forwarded to: The Alaska Native Reading Program, 320 W. Willoughby, Suite 100, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

Sincerely,
Andy Hope

Whaling captains thank ARCO

Dear Editor:

This is to inform you that the Kaktovik, Nuiqsut and Barrow Whaling Captains Associations fully support the North Slope Borough (NSB) Assembly's Resolution Serial #48-93, "A Resolution Opposing the Kuvlum Project Drilling and Seismic Program in the Beaufort Sea." As you are aware, the NSB Assembly passed this resolution at its June 8, 1993 Assembly meeting held in Barrow, Alaska.

The subsistence whaling captains of Kaktovik, Nuiqsut and Barrow wish to thank the President of ARCO Alaska, Inc. (ARCO for supporting the comments made by the three communities during the Public Hearing in Barrow, Alaska on June 4-5, 1993 to discuss the

Kuvlum Exploration Project. Based on the statement in the *Anchorage Daily News* of June 10, 1993 which quotes Bob Griffeth saying "The company has agreed to a plan that would halt all seismic and drilling work at Kuvlum while whales or hunters are in the area". This comment assures the whaling captains in the impacted communities that the fall subsistence hunt of bowhead whales during 1993 will proceed without any interference from the activities of ARCO and its operating partners in the Kuvlum project.

Sincerely,
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