

"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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Editorial Comment—

Exciting Cultural Event

Tundra Times' own World Eskimo Olympics of 1972 ended its three-day run last Saturday in a blaze of scintillating glory as usual. Although somewhat subdued by the absence of the colorful Athabaskan Indian dancers, because of the death of their revered patriarch Reverend George Edwin of Tanana, the all native sports spectacle once again shone as one of the most exciting native cultural events of interior Alaska.

The Eskimo Olympics has to be one of the most unique and pleasurable offerings in Alaska. It is not only pleasurable, it has become a source of pride for our native people throughout Alaska. It is helping to infuse needed spirit into the lives of the native people. After the event, the native folks go home quite a lot happier knowing that their games and dances are some of the most exciting heritages they have.

The Tundra Times is already planning next year's event and hopes to offer even more exciting Olympics. There will be new games while retaining the great games offered in the years past.

The World Eskimo Olympics is one of the great events in Alaska. We will certainly try to keep it that way for the excitement and pleasure of all the people from everywhere. It is scintillating and fun. We will try hard to keep it that way.

Editorial Comment—

Thank You

The staff and board of the Tundra Times would like to express their appreciation to the many people whose efforts made possible the 1972 World Eskimo Olympics. The Olympics would not be possible without much hard work and many hours of volunteer labor on the part of these people. To Tom Drake and to the entire committee, officials, judges, helpers, friends, and all who worked on making this a success, Tundra Times says — THANK YOU.

1,000 Corporations in 1 Year Says Carter

By HARRY CARTER

Nobody has publicly told the story of the skill, the manpower problems facing the Native people in the next few years. It is estimated that before a year is over there will be 1000 corporations. There are already some 200 plus corporate entities.

That's just one thing. The skill and manpower requirements for the selection of land for the villages and regions in the next four years, the fact that the overhead costs of corporate entities will be in excess of the income for several years is another thing.

We have the problems of developing viable economic resources that will compensate. The skill and manpower requirements that are required to de-

fine these resources and the educational requirements to place people in viable income-producing situations are astronomical.

In the same time frame, add the construction of the pipeline and the skills requirements of that, as well as implementation of a revenue-sharing program with the federal government.

Then add successful implementation of the community development program: housing, sewers, lights — the skill and manpower for that.

These things which will occur simultaneously in five years spell complete disaster unless the Native people are 100% united. It's going to take every man, woman and child. There's not

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SITKA INDIAN DANCERS — In a program designed to preserve Native cultural inheritance, dancers perform at the Visitor Center of the Sitka National Monument, site of the last major

resistance offered by the Alaskan Natives to the Russian intruders. The movement of the ermine helmet above the button blanket is the main focal point of the dance.

Historic Tlingit-Kiksadi Clan—

The Clan Heroically Fought for Cultural Identity

by JACQUELINE GLASGOW
Staff Writer

The last major Native resistance to European domination of Alaska was fought by the Tlingit-Kiksadi clan against the Russian intruders at Sitka.

A unique Indian Cultural Center has developed at the site of this clash, sometimes called the Battle of Alaska. The Kiksadi lost the battle to the white man but they have struggled not to lose their Native heritage altogether.

A Visitor Center was built in 1965 at Sitka National Monument. The Craft wing is op-

erated by the Alaska Native Brotherhood.

Originally funded by the Department of the Interior, Arts and Crafts Board, the program has recently been totally supported by the National Park Service.

National Park Service Director George B. Hartzog, Jr. believes that "parks are more than physical resources. They are, indeed, the delicate strands of nature and culture that bond together the generations of man. They are, moreover, the benchmarks by which we may chart a new course of human behavior."

Hartzog proposes a new definition of parks and innovative new programs such as national culture parks "particularly for our Indian brothers to encourage them to move into the mainstream of preserving our national and cultural inheritance."

The Indian Culture Center at Sitka is one of the first living examples of this concept. Ellen Lang, who is a member of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Center as well as a park staff member, and above all else, is a Kiksadi-Tlingit Indian, described her

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Letters from Here and There

NORTHWEST ALASKA
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June 30, 1972

To: Local School Boards
City Councils

From: Vince Schuerch, Treas.
Board of Directors
State Operated Schools

I have just returned from a State Operated Schools Board of Director's meeting today. Informing you that these are the actions that we took:

1. Fall of 1972 — 9th and 10th grades will be in Shungnak, Noorvik, and Selawik.

2. Planning of the teacher's quarters and salaries and teachers is being worked on by the administration right now.

3. The State is considering turning over the old school building at Shungnak to the community facilities for pre-school recreation, city offices, etc.

4. The Kobuk school will furnish power to the Health Aide clinic.

5. Construction is planned for the area high school in Kiana starting spring of 1973 subject to the approval of the State

Board of Education and the Governor. The Division of the Regional School Boards is already implemented.

6. The Board approved the Early Childhood Development contract with NANA.

I will continue working toward solving your school problems and will keep you informed of any further developments.

cc: Jane Pender, Kotzebue News
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July 17, 1972

The Hon. Rogers C. B. Morton
Secretary of the Interior
United States Department of the Interior
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I just learned of your appointees to the Joint Federal State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska. I am shocked that you did not see fit to appoint ONE Alaska Native.

None of the people you selected in any way reflects the views of our Alaskan Native people. The total commission has one Native. You have again managed to see that our voice is stifled by appointing all white members to the commission.

Respectfully,

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE
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Bill Diebels did a magnificent job on the article, "Yakutat: An Eagle Folds His Wings" in 6/14 issue of Tundra Times.

Thanks Bill for giving us unfortunate ones who never knew Olaf, a glimpse into his greatness. Who ever said death is the end? Great spirits like this will soar forever.

Leroy Falling
(Cawëëa - Cherokee)