

APPARENT OVERSIGHT SNARLS

Missionary District of Alaska of the
Protestant Episcopal Church
St. Stephen's Mission, Fort Yukon, Alaska 99740
The Reverend David Salmon
The Reverend Phillip Peter
Capt. Tom Tull C.A.
October 25, 1968

Mrs. Mary Jane Fate
2807 Riverview Drive
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Mrs. Fate:

An article in the TUNDRA TIMES dated October 11, 1968 says that I didn't show up for the TUNDRA TIMES Banquet on October 5, 1968 to deliver the invocation. While this is true, I think that it should also be noted that I was never asked to be present for the occasion and had no idea that you were expecting me.

I am presently Priest-In-Charge of St. Stephen's Episcopal Mission in Fort Yukon, not of Good Shepherd Mission in Venetie.

I would have been more than pleased to be at the Banquet and deliver the invocation, if I had been asked. I hope that in the future we can work more closely together as I am very concerned with the work of the Tanana Chiefs Conference and the entire area of native concerns.

Sincerely,
The Rev. David Salmon

cc: TUNDRA TIMES

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(Editor's Note: Early in the planning of Tundra Times Sixth Anniversary Banquet on October 5, 1968, the newspaper's board of directors discussed that it would be a good idea to have a native minister deliver a convocation at the start of the banquet.

In the ensuing discussion, Father David Salmon's name was mentioned as the person who would be most fitting to do the banquet honor and that he should be invited to do so.

As the date of the banquet neared, an invitation committee was created that would invite all native leaders, dignitaries, and many other people. Since Father Salmon's name was mentioned at the board meeting and that he would be invited, Mrs. Mary Jane Fate, the editor of this newspaper, and other members of the board, had taken it for granted that Father Salmon had been invited to the banquet, or would have been invited.

We are very sorry that he had never received an invitation and, of course, was not present at the banquet. Mrs. Fate, having thought that Father Salmon must have been among the crowd on the banquet evening, attempted to locate him but was not able to.

In the discussion between Mrs. Fate and the editor, it was decided that not sending an invitation to Rev. Salmon was an oversight on the part of the invitation committee.

We are sorry that the above had occurred and we express our regrets. It was a well meant desire of the board of directors, however, but it did not come out as we had wished because of an apparent oversight.)