

# Letters from Here and There

## *Pipeline Road On Caribou Mt.*

Jan. 15, 1974

Hughes, Alaska 99745

Dear Mr. Richards:

It's interesting to note that that the proposed trans-Alaska pipeline/road will pass right over the same Caribou Mt. that you so light-heartedly reported contained thousands of wintering caribou in the Jan. 9, 1974 edition of Tundra Times.

According to, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Jan. 10, 1974, page A-1-2, the pipeline haul road should be open north of the Yukon River by the end of January, and unless I am interpreting this information incorrectly, that means the road between Prospect Creek camp north of Caribou Mt. and the Yukon River ice bridge south of Caribou Mt. shall soon be completed and in use right over the same caribou wintering grounds you've mentioned.

It sort of makes you sick thinking about it, doesn't it?

Michael Kroenke

## *Misimpression On Pipeline*

Dear Friend of Alaska:

Now that the President has signed the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, there is a widespread misimpression that construction of the line already has begun. As many as 600 persons come to Alaska each month in search of nonexistent pipeline construction jobs. At best these people are disappointed. Unfortunately, many entire families find themselves stranded, cold and homeless without prospect of relief.

Alyeska began several months ago a campaign through the news media to correctly inform job seekers about pipeline employment. This campaign has been expanded recently to in-

clude advertisements, television newsclips and free informational brochures. But many hundreds still learn the truth too late and often tragically.

Perhaps you may have an opportunity to prevent even one such unfortunate occurrence, by sending this letter to a newspaper or an appropriate organization, by posting it in a conspicuous and appropriate place, or by passing it along to an interested friend or acquaintance.

The truth is construction has not begun, and none will begin until many outstanding legal and administrative hurdles are crossed. Furthermore, when this activity does commence, Alyeska will award contracts for the work to various construction companies. These firms will do all the hiring of workmen.

Therefore, applications for these jobs should not be submitted to Alyeska. Persons seeking construction jobs should watch for announcements of the award of contracts and the start of construction in the press and in trade journals, and apply directly to selected contractors.

Above all, we recommend that no one come to Alaska in search of a job. Job seekers should be certain before coming that jobs are available here for them. The unemployment rate in the State is the highest in the nation. The winters are the longest and the most severe. Furthermore, there is an Alaska law giving job preference to Alaskans.

We're trying to make these facts known to prevent hardship.

Thank you for helping.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Ratterman  
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## *A Brother Behind Bars*

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My friend:

I am Indian. I'm hoping that

you can be of some assistance to me. I'm doing a life sentence in prison here in Ohio. Prison life can be very lonely at times, but even more so when you do not receive much mail. Is it possible that you could run an ad in your paper for me, to help me seek correspondence? It would please me very much to hear from my red brothers and sisters on the Outside.

What is your fee for a subscription to your newspaper? For one year? If it isn't too much I'd like to take it out for a year.

Thank you very much,  
A brother behind bars,  
Wayne