

# **'Smart Aleck' Asks Fred Stickman to Resign His Job**

Eielson A.F.B., Alaska  
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Dear Friend Mr. Howard Rock:

Last night on 2nd Avenue. one "Smart Aleck" told me to retire so some young punk can take my place. There's not one young punk can get my job. Indians or Eskimos, you have to have four years experience. Besides there been about 20 Indians and Eskimos been here and left. They like to go back to the village and live on someone.

There is some reliable persons asked me, can you tell me what the kids go to school for. I said I don't know, even though I knew what she was referring to.

The school kids were all drinking in the village where they were having a potlatch in memory of the dead in the past

years.

You know some of us, I don't think we will be happy living in modern houses at home. Of course I'm different here at Eielson. I have made service, cook, waitresses, washing, etc.

The only reason I wanted to move to higher ground at home was all this running water, which means health, showers, washing, inside latrine, etc. But the

people don't like to move to the hill, but they like to pack their stuff every spring up the hill and scrub the house after the flood.

I wanted to see my house flooded all these years so I can get a new house but everytime I go there the water stop rising. That's just my luck.

FRED STICKMAN, SR.