

Letters from Here and There

Writer Extends Apology

July 10, 1974

Dear Mr. Rock:

Good morning. First of all, I have an apology to make to you.

Some few days before Sen. Buckley's trip to Alaska, as soon as I read that he was considering coming up here, I wrote a letter to you saying that it was a worthless (if not harmful) idea.

That no beneficial publicity for Alaska would develop from it that if anything happened as a result of his (or any Republican's) visit, it would be simply to add to his or his sponsor's profits.

And, I had 197 years of history to support and verify what I said.

Well, I was at least partially wrong: Shortly after he returned Outside, the "People" magazine appeared on the newsstands with frontispiece and several pages of both prose and photos devoted to Alaska.

I immediately bought their remainder 11 copies, and I have now mailed all of them to friends Outside who may have missed it.

Definitely, the publicity from his trip up here was much more beneficial than I had thought.

Now, re the Wed. July 3 issue which arrived this morning. Your reprint of Gov. Egan's Washington, D.C. speech on July 1 will be appreciated very much.

I worked for him only a little over a year after I left Snedden's rag — but I agree completely with Margie Bauman's summation: "Gruening, Man of Talents, Ideals."

There are/were very few like him. Alaska will certainly miss him.

Even Atwood's "Daily Times" had two full pages reserved for him after his death.

I've written, congratulating Margie Bauman. She's a real professional.

Sincerely yours,
Edmund C. Ladd
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scription of "Akwasasne Notes" from the Mohawk Nation.

This is not a bribe to get my Tundra Times on schedule, but a Native paper of a people who have 200 years of experience with some of the problems Alaska Natives are just now facing. Again, it should be read by all those who have an interest in Alaska.

Well, I must close, but before I do, what's this LOVE SICKNESS "Old Stickman's writing about? I've got people pounding on my door wanting to find out!

Well, best of wishes in your affairs, both business and of the heart.

Tell "Old Stickman" you're loved in California.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Rock:

It is time for all of us Alaska
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Writer Thanks Emily Brown

July 3, 1974

Howard Rock, Editor
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Dear Howard:

My June 26th copy of the Tundra Times didn't arrive last week, what happened to it?

Please send a note to your mailing department and tell them there's a disappointed Eskimo in California.

While you're at it, please compliment the staff for the fine job on Emily Ivanoff Brown's book, "Grandfather of Unalakleet," The Lineage of Alluyagnak, I urge all, Native and White to read what I consider a beautiful story on inter-cultural relations.

My thanks to Emily and all the other people involved that helped bring the book to me.

That includes your mailing department whom I'm unhappy with at present. I'm sending them (the Mail Dept.) a sub-

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Natives, whether by heritage we be Indian, Aleut or Eskimo, to put aside our differences and pull together as one.

We have an opportunity now to enhance the welfare of all Natives by sticking together, by offering encouragement and help to those in leadership positions.

"A house divided cannot stand." This old saying is just as true today as ever.

The time is now to work together. We can have a great hand in shaping our futures.

It would be great to pick up on the ideals of our late brother Grafton Gabriel. Grafton was one who was unselfishly dedicated to the betterment of all Alaska Natives or anyone who was in need of help.

We have lost a good friend; we will all miss him greatly. We would do well to dedicate our own efforts to the goals Grafton dreamed of accomplishing.

We have learned a lot and still have a lot to learn. In our efforts we will make mistakes; we must learn to correct our mistakes.

Let us not let these good times pass us by; it is time now to encourage each other to pursue the opportunity to add to a new dimension to our lives.

Alaska Natives must get into union-oriented jobs as subsistence living becomes more difficult.

It will take some sacrifice; it will mean being away from your families for a period of time, but in learning a trade and getting into the unions you will add a valuable tool to your lives, one that you can take with you wherever you go.

Be proud of your heritage; don't take anything away, but add to it.

Sincerely,
Lonnie Thomas