

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

# Tundra Times



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## Vendetta Against Senate Bill 196

Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
Senate  
May 2, 1975

Dear Editor:

This letter is written to clarify a misunderstanding resulting from a vendetta against Senate Bill 196, which was instigated by Robert R. Gore of Ketchikan and Rose Palmquist of Juneau and Palmer. Letters and phone calls to numerous individuals and letters to the editors of several newspapers throughout Alaska by these two individuals have unjustifiably propagandized many of our Senior Citizens against this very important and much needed Bill for Alaska Pioneers and other Senior Citizens. It is quite obvious to all who have read the final version of the Bill that these two overly excitable, act-before-you-think, and unnecessarily meddling individuals reacted quite improperly and without sufficient comprehension of the facts. Their conduct has definitely retarded the progress of this proposed legislation and that of many other bills urgently needed to assist our Senior Citizens living on fixed and limited incomes. Inflation is like an evergrowing cancer on their already too-small incomes.

Mr. Gore and Mrs. Palmquist began bad-mouthing the Bill even before it was discussed in the appropriate Senate Committees, which is the proper time to testify and voice opinions on Bills. They were not even fair-minded enough to let any of the sponsors explain the Bill to them in detail before starting their vendetta against it. Their behavior indicates a lack of emotional stability and proper discretion. I have known a few busy-bodies that did not know what they were doing but these two are by far the very worst. I suppose some people will do almost anything for attention and publicity. In my opinion and that of many others who are sincerely interested in helping our Pioneers and other Senior Citizens, the conduct of Mr. Gore and Mrs. Palmquist has brought considerable dishonor on themselves rather than to the legislators they unfairly blamed for something of which they could not possibly be guilty. The legislators workload is heavy enough without unnecessary problems caused by people who are subject to shallow thinking and have too much idle time.

Senate Bill 196 was initially written to be somewhat general to allow some flexibility, and was commented on verbally or in writing by most of the sponsors and approved by all, most of which are very experienced, highly-respected, veteran Senators. The Bill will statutorially establish within the Office of the Governor both the Commission on Aging (formerly the Office on Aging) and the Governor's Advisory Committee on Aging (which already existed but not by written authority). By being located within the Office of the Governor, our Alaska Senior Citizen programs will receive even more emphasis, personal attention, centralized direction, and over-all importance. At present, Alaska has only an Office of Aging, in the Department of Health and Social Services. The Commission on Aging was initially to be located in the Department of Health and Social Services before it was agreed to locate it under the Governor's Office to give it more of his personal attention and direction.

The creation of the Commission on Aging will not entail any additional costs by the State, but will give it two duties in addition to those currently assigned it as the Office of Aging in the Department of Health and Social Services. The Commission will be required to provide directly to the Governor periodic reports of all important information concerning our Senior Citizens as it becomes aware of it, except that pertaining solely to the Pioneer homes and longevity bonus programs. These programs will not be effected by SB 196 in any way whatsoever. They will continue as they have in the Department of Administration. Additionally, the Commission will become a point of contact for all Senior Citizen business from individuals or their organizations located outside the Juneau area, and will accomplish all necessary local coordination for those in outlying areas. There are approximately nine different offices, branches, sections, or divisions in four different departments that have to be contacted at some time concerning matters pertaining to our Senior Citizens. This business can be accomplished much faster, more efficiently, and less expensively if done locally rather than by long distance telephone or, as is sometimes necessary, by travel to and from Juneau.

As a result of the propaganda spread against this Bill by its only two real opponents, Mr. Gore and Mrs. Palmquist, I have had to answer many letters and have written two editorials to give those misinformed

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## Letters from Here and There

### Reader Feels Like Criticizing

Dear Mr. Howard Rock,  
Editor of Tundra Times ,

Like any other letter reader in your Tundra Times, I felt like criticizing a little about our Native environment here in the great land of Alaska. As a young consort of Alaska and its people, I believe it is good to confirm your desire for oncoming challenges concerning the Native Claims Settlement Act. This matter is actually a prominent position to me, and of course to many others. I know that no ones got a logical solution to this historical event taking place, but we understand this newspaper was established basically for our intentions and inclinations.

With understanding as young people, we are contemporary participants of this substantial flow of the Land Claims Act, and will be, one by one, in the near future. I believe it is good to detonate your feelings with no contention of conflict on our emphasis. Knowing that we possess access to venture in liberty as Americans about our possessions, we should be able to obtain our rights to their full capacity and destination.

An obvious accumulation of opinions and criticism, appeared with the fact that this resolution on the claims does not quite harmonize immense amount of people with the imperative side. And I believe democracy is present here in Alaska as well as it is down in the states. But how could we influence or innovate

the high degree of other organizations with our short ranged vigors and establishments? The individual awareness of the objective world in its relation to the self effects my conscience when me and my other friends discover the incidents coming into process which might create extricable situations concerning those who are working together in the Land Claims. We have potential subsistence to control in cooperation with some other authorities which might lead to more land ownership and friendship. I believe that strict criticism would only result in tractating our process with the things that we perceive contrary to our culture, but should be completely fastened to our patience and serotinous. I am positively concerned about my land and the people who do not know what is happening to their land. But as long as my folks back home are living the way they want to in the land they step on and gather food from it, I could settle down with no intent to be subsequent to those who burn with opposition about getting the least of what God has sparkled in this universe from His beautiful paradise, in which mankind is destroying both mentally, and physically.

E.G.A., a fellow Alaskan

### Another Year For ATS-1 TV

Tanana Chiefs Conference  
102 Lacey Street  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

To: ATS-1 Satellite users

From: ATS-1 Satellite coordinator  
Re: Continuation of the ATS-1 and program information

Dear Satellite users:

The ATS-1 satellite was to be terminated on June 30th of this year but it will continue to service Alaska and the Pacific area for another year. The company in North Carolina that operates the satellite will provide 16 hours a day, five days a week of servicable air time. If any time changes occur for TCC programing, you'll be notified immediately.

During the month of May there will be two special programs scheduled both dealing with network communication. One of the programs, entitled Peacesate Exchange is a communications effort between all the stations in Alaska and the South Pacific area. This will be aired Monday, May 12th at 8:00 p.m. The other program will be especially for the Alaska area, and is entitled the Alaska ATS-1 Network Information. This ninety minute program will be aired Monday, May 26th at 8:00 p.m.

Keep listening, especially try and listen in on these two specials, and if you are having any problems or have any ideas please let us know!

Sincerely,  
Jane Smith

### 'They Chopped Up Our Poker Table'

Galbraith Lake, Alaska  
May 17, 1975

Dear Friend Howard Rock:  
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## Fairbanks Featured in '75 Milepost

The 1975 edition of the MILEPOST, Alaska Northwest Publishing Company's "All-the-North Travel Guide," is off the presses in a new format that will be of special interest to Fairbanks residents and visitors.

Fairbanks is the subject of a special visitors guide section in the new MILEPOST. Color photos and maps of the area, plus many facts on Fairbank's location, history, economy, accommodations, transportation facilities and attractions are included in the new edition.

The new MILEPOST is almost twice the size of last year's model — weighing almost two pounds in its new, 8½" by 11" format, with 500 pages of Northland travel facts and more than 300 full-color photographs of Alaska and Western Canada.

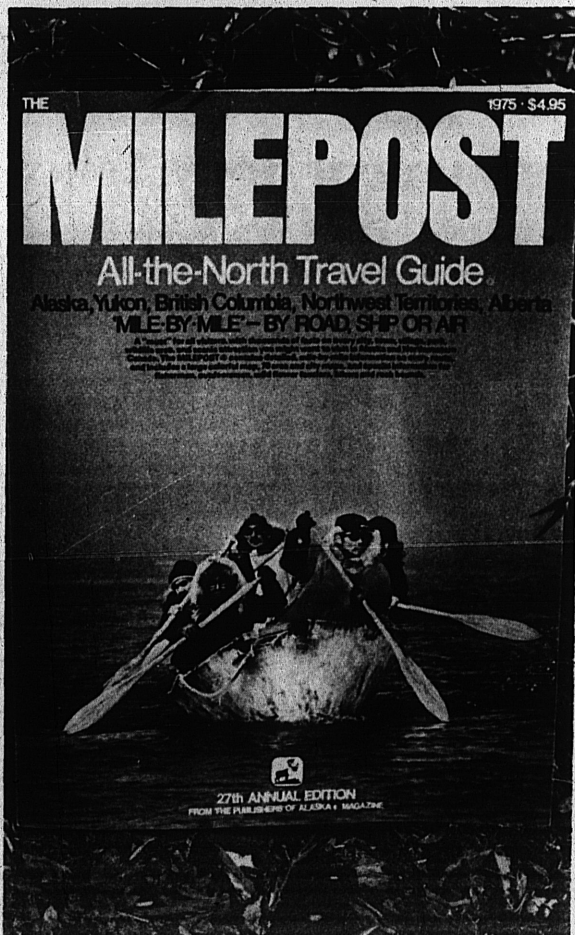
As a result of the most thorough updating in 27 years, the '75 MILEPOST covers every city, town, village, park and scenic attraction of note in Alaska, Yukon Territory, northern British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Alberta. Included are more than 75 informative maps, some in full color.

The MILEPOST is available on newsstands (\$4.95) or by writing to Alaska Northwest Publishing Co., Box 4-EEE, Anchorage, Alaska 99509. (Please add 50 cents per copy for postage and handling, or \$2 per copy for airmail.)

Also available — but only on newsstands in Alaska, are two MILEPOST "extras." The Southeastern Alaska Visitors Guide, a 100-page reprint of all MILEPOST Sections covering the Panhandle, sells for \$1.95.

Another reprint, The Anchorage-Fairbanks Visitors Guide (196 pages, \$2.95) covers the rest of Alaska, including

Mount McKinley, the Kenai Peninsula and side trips to Alaska's Arctic regions.



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