

Letters to the Editor



The Aleut Community Council
St. Paul Island, Alaska
July 13, 1970

Sir:

Recently the President of Friends of Animals, Inc. visited St. Paul Island accompanied by personnel who filmed the annual harvest of Alaska Fur Seals. We the people of St. Paul feel that the public should be alerted to the fact that, in our opinion, the material filmed is far from an objective presentation of our on-ly industry.

Friends of Animals, Inc. is dedicated to stopping the seal harvest, which for many generations of Aleuts, has been the on-

ly means of support. If the seal Harvest is halted, Biologists tell us Friends of Animals will have succeeded in contributing to the wasteful death of countless numbers of seals from disease, malnutrition, and overpopulation.

They also may succeed in destroying the unity of the largest Aleut Community in the world (about 630 persons), and eventual disappearance of the Aleut race whose members happen to be loyal Americans who pay taxes and help fight our Nation's wars.

Sincerely,
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Council President