

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

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Atka Pleads to Be Heard

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Dear Editor:

Please print our plea in the "Tundra Times."
REMOTEST INHABITING ISLAND CRY!
Anytime Atka is mentioned it always accompanies the words, Remotest Native inhabited island in the Aleutian chains.

Well the remotest Aleut natives biggest problem today is—it is not too remote to be polluted!

How can we the helpless Aleut natives keep the home island Atka and it's neighboring islands secure in health and tranquility and protected from the dreadful pollution caused by the man which is about to come from the AEC Amchitka underground nuclear test???

We are the sitting ducks waiting for—we don't know what.

After the 1969 blast was bad enough. We hesitated to eat what we had taken for granted in the past. We threw away food if it had just a bit of our suspicion that it is radioactive. We stopped eating little things we ate with no thought in the past. Mussels and clams looked sickly, kelp looked poor. We felt it best not to eat and become sick. We don't have a doctor to beckon right away. Fear, too, polluted us in mind. We are just getting over our 1969s fears.

SACKETT'S SUMMARY Sackett Summarizes Upicksoun's Speech

By JOHN SACKETT

Joe Upicksoun, president of the Arctic Slope Native Association, chastized press and news media in Alaska for their critical reporting of the native land claims settlement. Speaking before the Anchorage Press Club, Upicksoun questioned the press, stating "You have done a fine job in criticizing us: what kind of a job have you done as against the other competitors of our land?"

"Have you the press devoted any real attention to the honor of the United States? Have you reminded the state government that the more the state gobbles up from the natives, the less honor the U.S. and her people will have."

"For several hundred years now, the westward expansion has driven the Indians in the lower 48 from their homes. I don't need to tell you that story. It has been told and retold many times, perhaps best in the recently published book, "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee," he said.

In a prepared text Mr. Upicksoun further accused the press of whipping up a hysteria over the proposed pipeline to the extent that people "over-bought, oversold and over-spent." The press should have spent more time working for a claims settlement as the economic benefits would have been more, he indicated. Alaska has gone through many periods of exploitation, Upicksoun charged, ranging from the excess killing of whales, exploiting of gold, copper, fishing, timber and now oil. The major outside companies "have been the landlords and we Alaskans have been the sharecroppers and tenant farmers. Mr. Chairman, we Eskimos are landlords," he stated.

Commenting that many people have called the native incompetent and incapable of handling both money and land, Upicksoun said that the Arctic Slope Native Association has already created IRA corporations and employed attorneys and contracted for planning in education, community and social development engineers, general economists and public relations firms. "It is our association's position that our share of the yield will be used first for education, second for community development, and third for business development, in that order of priority."

Perdue Takes Issue with Story

October 4, 1971

Dear Mr. Rock:

If you had told me you could try to make something out of someone, I may have spent the afternoon trying to convince you otherwise. However, after reading your front page article by Madelyn Shulman about Mr. Ketzler, I firmly believe that you honestly are trying. You gave Mr. Ketzler all the credit for organizing the Tanana Chiefs Conference. What about Richard Frank, Andrew Isaac, Alfred Starr and many others who are never mentioned. I helped write the Constitution and By-laws in 1961 which at the present time the leader can't seem to find. Those papers were written so that the people always controlled the organization and the President could only serve two consecutive years.

With the new Corporation papers the people have no voice. Mr. Ketzler President of the Tanana Chiefs and President of the board of directors and his attorney, Tanana Chiefs does not retain an attorney, have complete control and he can remain as President as long as he hand picks the executive committee of the Tanana Chiefs who spends and invests your money.

I am not interested in running for the paid position as President of the Tanana Chiefs. I understand that Mr. Ketzler, from informed sources, that he would do something if we paid him a salary. According to the records of the meeting the AAIA pays him \$200.00 per week, the Public Health \$153.35 per week and if we pay him \$8000.00 per year the grand total of \$26,374.20 per year. I checked the Native Center about his working hours they stated ten hours per week average. And so far he hasn't any to show his accomplishments.

You also gave him credit for work on the Native Land Claims bill. His attorney has done all the work also paid by American Association of Indian Affairs. The work that is being done is work of Mr. Don Wright and the credit should be directed to him. Maybe you would like to know how Mr. Ketzler represented us at the AFN convention last year. First day—showed up at 3 p.m. Second day—same thing. Third day—I don't remember seeing him.

I believe we need people with financial and business (successful) knowledge to hear our organization.

My record of accomplishments: Organized the Fairbanks Native Association co-organized AFN with late Nick Gray. Started the first foster home program in Alaska at my own time and expense. I worked hard on the Regional high school which will be started this spring. Worked on the Hospital in Fairbanks for the native people in the Interior. Served as President of the Tanana Chiefs for two years and vice president several years.

There are many other things I work on that very few people know about and I prefer it remained that way.

I hope your reporting will improve in the future as I don't care to be writing letters to protect the record.

Sincerely,
Ralph W. Perdue

Jeane Dixon- Predictions

OUR LIFE PATTERN OF THE FUTURE

America will solve the alarming deterioration of our cities, dangerous water hazards, and air pollution.

Power sources will be atomic reactors, with enough power to supply all our needs; disposal problems will be solved. Human waste, debris and industrial pollutants will all be eliminated by scientific breakthroughs. Garbage and other waste solids and liquids will be processed and converted into building and paving material.

ving material.

Liquid fuels will be new, clean types. Engine and exhaust emission converters will reduce gas pollutants to a point where Nature can easily convert the small remainder.

Scientific breakthroughs in life-saving bacteria, oxygen and electrically assisted filters will gradually bring our waterways back to normal.

Our cities will gradually evolve into centers of commerce and government.

Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

Your birthday today: Material concerns work out quite well this year with routine persistence in your established work habits, altho you tend to seek more of a single-handed approach to vocation and social contacts. Today's natives generally favor progressive ideas, long-range goals beyond their own times, sometimes neglect current luxuries to build for the future.

Aries [March 21-April 19]: Check financial deals with more experienced advisors, get technical advice where it's appropriate—then give your own inner intuition overnight to digest all the angles.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]: You may be slightly out of step with people. Stick to schedules if you must, but seek a more felicitous moment to announce your plans.

Gemini [May 21-June 20]: Another story surfaces to change some of yesterday's tale. There's more yet to come, so reserve most comment and action for a while longer.

Cancer [June 21-July 22]: People of the opposite sex seem to make special effort to be annoying or provocative. If you must argue, stay with the issues.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Take care of yourself and your own. Leave the big

deals and speculative scramble to the gullible and ambitious.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]: A long moment permits you to see associates in different perspective, know qualities in them which previously escaped your view. But don't react suddenly to these fresh insights.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: Any thoughtless remark expands into a good story. Let somebody else start the tale. Preserve your strength for your own endeavor.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: People of like mind surround you. Waste no time or energy on opposing whatever minor nuisances exist.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: Re-evaluation is more in order than ever—if you don't do it others will. You have much to do to establish the order you'd like to see.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]: Open mind and heart to simple, true expressions—intuition sorts them out for you. It's time you agreed.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: Take up all fluid resources not actually in use, settle them in safety and revenue-producing position. There's opportunity, leverage for future action.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: Despite your own duties and minor puzzles, lend a hand where somebody faces worse. Do so cheerfully.

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Al Ketzler Replies to Ralph Perdue

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Ketzler was given an opportunity to read the letter from Ralph Perdue shortly before press time Tuesday. Due to timing difficulties, he was unable to present a full reply, but consented to make the following statement. Ketzler's full reply will appear in the next issue of the TUNDRA TIMES.)

Dear Mr. Rock

Having read the unsigned letter of Mr. Perdue's, I would like to make the following clarifications. The first meeting, where the idea of reorganizing the Tanana Chief's Conference came about in Nenana in February of 1962, the people mentioned as having organized the group were not involved at that time. He accepts credit for writing the constitution and by-

laws one year before the organization was reorganized. Probably this is why they can't be found. In reference to the new corporation mentioned by Mr. Perdue, the board of directors elects the executive committee and I have no vote in their selection. As to my salary, I receive from the AAIA \$180.75 per week, and from the Tanana Chiefs, \$153.35 per week, and I receive nothing from the Public Health Service. With regard to my working hours, I usually arrive at the Native Center at 10:00 a.m. and depart about 5:30 p.m. In reference to my attendance at last year's AFN Convention, perhaps that is when he first showed up and noticed I was there.

Sincerely,
s/Al Ketzler