

What others say...

State fund criticized

To the editor:

The Rail Belt Fund does not belong to Anchorage or for that matter to anyone but the state. Susitna Dam Project was abandoned and under state law the appropriation of funds must be returned to the state general fund. It can not be diverted to another project.

Also under the system that it was appropriated it did not comply with the constitution, which states that appropriations will not be stretched out

over a number of years for the same project. The court had ruled this fund illegal. At a time when workers are either discharged or are forced to take pay cuts, and many needed state programs statewide are cut Anchorage and its politicians have no right to be selling on that much pork.

No emergency exists here, come on rural legislators, do your stuff. What is now the Rail Belt Fund was known as the Susitna Black Mail Fund.

H. Belenn

Concerns about the contras

To the editor:

Senator Murkowski has said, on several occasions, "If you are against aid for the contras in Nicaragua, you are unAmerican." I resent that, because I'm against it.

To justify sending all the money to help the contras overthrow the Nicaraguan government, Senator Murkowski and others like to show us all on a map how near Nicaragua is to the U.S., and the threat they are to us. It occurred to me they are more familiar with location of Nicaragua than they were with the location of Alaska, or maybe they have forgotten Alaska is part of the U.S.

The people in western Alaska can look out their window and see the USSR, so Nicaragua doesn't seem too close to me, nor should it to Senator Murkowski.

A few years ago the government that is now ruling in Nicaragua were guerrillas fighting to overthrow the corrupt government in Nicaragua, and the U.S. decided to help the guerrillas, as they were the good guys, and the cor-

rupt government were the bad guys. So with our help the good guys threw the bad guys out, and the good guys became the government in Nicaragua. But now, 5 or so years later, we are being told by the same Washington group the good guys are now the bad guys, and the U.S. has found some more good guys (contras). So now we are helping the good guys (contras) throw out the bad guys that used to be the good guys!

Now when the good guys (contras) throw the bad guys out, how long do you suppose it will be until the good guys start being the bad guys?

Senator Murkowski says it is unAmerican to be against aid the contras. I have something I would like to say to Senator Murkowski, I don't like the way my tax dollar is being spent. I would rather have it spent for \$7,000 coffee pots and \$400 ash trays, than spent for bullets to kill innocent people in Nicaragua.

Yours truly,

Jessie Yearsley

Shareholder has questions

To the editor:

I think the amount of money to be distributed should be divided by the number of shareholders. I think it comes out small because it's distributed by percentage, and we at-large shareholders in ASRC are 5%.

This is part of the letter I got from ASRC:

"Generally, Section 7(i) of ANCSA requires a regional corporation to distribute seventy percent (70%) of the revenues it earns from subsurface natural resources to all twelve (12) regionals, including itself. Each regional is to redistribute fifty percent (50%) of the amount it receives to its village corporations and at-large shareholders, based upon the number of shareholders. At-large ASRC shareholders represent a small portion — about five percent (5%) — of all ASRC shares "

This is from the paper I got from ASRC:

"There was some discussion of 7(i)

revenues. Question was raised if the \$25 million received on the KIC land exchange was subject to 7(i). Mr. Stotts asked Jim Wickwire to reply. Mr. Wickwire explained that a 7(i) settlement agreement had been signed between the regional corporations in June of 1982.

Last year I got \$125.00 from ASRC and nothing from 7(i). I would like to hear from 7(i). I would like to hear from other at-large shareholders, how you feel about it. Also, I would like to hear from other at-large shareholders from different corporations, how much they got from 7(i), and if they got it every year?

The amount of money they put into their village corporations, divided by the number of shareholders comes to lots of money.

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