

Interracial Marriages

(The following represents a resurrection of the column written for a number of years by Tundra Times editor and publisher Thomas Richards, Jr. Richards begins his eleventh year of involvement with this newspaper this week.)

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You ask me about my views on interracial marriages?

Well, I have no immediate political aspirations, and don't wish to consider running for the Senate for another 20 years at least. But, I will share with you some of my remarks before the Athabaskan Anti-Defamation League during the groups' last convention. Here are some excerpts:

"I don't mind an Athabaskan man marrying a Tlingit woman. I don't mind a Athabaskan woman marrying an Inupiat Eskimo. I don't mind a Yupik Eskimo man marrying a Athabaskan woman. I don't mind an Athabaskan woman marrying a Tsimshian man, nor do I mind a Athabaskan woman marrying a Tlingit or Haida man. I don't mind a Aleut fisherwoman marrying a Athabaskan fisherman, nor vice versa. I don't mind a Athabaskan Indian marrying just about anybody or anything."

"The only interracial marriage I am personally opposed to is if you Athabaskans start to marry them there Lieutenant Governors."

"That is against nature ... against my nature."