

"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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Agreement on the Conservation of Polar Bears

The President's Message to the Senate Transmitting the Agreement for Advice and Consent to Ratification. Dated November 28, 1975. Released November 29, 1975.

To the Senate of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit for the Senate's advice and consent to ratification the Agreement on the Conservation of Polar Bears, done at Oslo, November 15, 1973.

I am also transmitting, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the agreement.

This agreement, negotiated by the five circumpolar nations, the United States, Canada, Denmark, Norway and the Soviet Union, provides a plan of protection for polar bears consisting of a prohibition of hunting, killing or capturing the mammals subject to specified exceptions. It also provides for the countries involved to cooperate and consult with each other on research involving management and conservation of polar bears.

This agreement implements one of the mandates of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 which, in Section 108, calls for development of bilateral or multilateral agreements for the protection of marine mammals, including polar bears. No legislation is necessary to implement the agreement, since the protections of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 exceed the requirements of the agreement.

In addition to being the first international agreement to focus on the conservation of polar bears, this agreement is the first to be negotiated by the circumpolar nations exclusively. I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to this agreement.

GERALD R. FORD

The White House,
November 28, 1975.

Editorial Comment—

TT got cornered In a corner

The busy little staff of the Tundra Times got cornered into a corner mostly by the on-rushing of holiday season. The editor decided to skip one issue and give the group a little breathing spell. We are happy, however, that we will have the same number of issues published for the year of 1975 by publishing this issue on Dec. 31, 1975.

The out-going year, as ever before, has been an eventful one, not the earth-shaking type but an interesting one. We are thankful for this and it has left us with a steady breath with which we sincerely extend our wishes for a great New Year for everyone of our readers and friends everywhere.

Thank you for your faith in us.

—H.R.

Letters from Here and There

Stickman to Trap Living In a Tent

Nulato, Alaska
Nov. 19, 1975

Tundra Times Editor: Dear Sir:

It's been pretty cold since I came back. Oil stove is no good here unless you have a wood stove along side of it. Oil stove is good for the bachelor at night when you have no wife to keep you warm. Oil is high, too high, if you have no income, but I keep it on low.

Last winter, I moved to Anchorage for five weeks to save oil and on account of those empty drums. But I went through \$2,600 in five weeks. That was a little too much so I'm here to go trapping in a tent, again like I used to. I used to do it for a living. Now I'm doing it to get back in shape because I was eating like a starved pig, getting pot-bellied on that nice grub.

I'm going out with a seven by nine tent with a Yukon stove. But I have a chain saw and snow-machine. That's the first time I'm going to use that. I always used a Swede saw and snow shoes.

I need lots of luck.
Fred Stickman, Sr.

Molly Itta Honored for Long Service

STATE OF ALASKA
Department of Health
and Social Services
Division of Public Health
Environmental Health Section
675 7th Ave., Section K
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dec. 17, 1975

Mrs. Mollie Itta
Barrow, Alaska 99723
Re: Letter of Commendation
310.01.01

Dear Mrs. Itta:

It has been brought to my attention that after 13 years of dedicated service you recently resigned as the kitchen supervisor for the Barrow School food program.

I would like to commend both you and your workers for the highest degree of cleanliness and sanitary food service operation which was obtained during your tenure.

I am told that the immaculate kitchen facility you supervised has consistently been one of the best food service operations in terms of sanitation in Alaska's Northern Region. That is a record both you and all three who work with you can be proud of.

It is my understanding that the North Slope Sanitarian for the State of Alaska would like to call on your assistance from time to time in developing a training program for food service workers. I sincerely hope you will find time to share your expertise with him and others.

Cordially,
Dr. Paul O. Frith
Regional Health Officer

cc: Dr. John E. Anttonen, superintendent, North Slope Borough School District
Joe Flynn, director, Hot Lunch Program, North Slope Borough School District

Eben Hopson, mayor, North Slope Borough
Oliver Leavitt, president, North Slope Borough General Assembly
Otto Panigeo, president, North Slope Borough School District
Tundra Times
Frank J. Vonder Haar, sanitarian supervisor, NRO

Recruiting Experienced Health Workers

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
Public Health Service
Health Resources Administration
Rockville, Md. 20852
Nov. 11, 1975

Dear Editor:

The National Center for Health Services Research is currently recruiting experienced health services researchers into the Service Fellow Program. We have initiated a large recruitment effort and are looking for minorities who might be interested in coming to Rockville, Maryland, to become part of this program. Our goal for recruitment of minorities is 25% of the new positions. You are being contacted because your organization's publication has been identified as one which might reach minorities who are interested in the health services research field.

We have enclosed information about the National Center for Health Services Research Service Fellow Program. There is a brief description of duties and responsibilities for these positions on Page 4, and a salary scale and qualifications criteria on Page 8.

Curriculum vitae should be sent to:

Associate Director for Management
National Center for Health Services Research
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15-59

Parklawn Building
Rockville, Maryland 20852

If you have any questions about our recruitment effort, or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me on AC (301) 443-3771.

Sincerely,
Helen D. Anderson
Acting Deputy
Equal Employment Opportunity Officer

Curious as To Developed Guidelines

December 17, 1975

Clarence Antioquia
Area Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Juneau Area Office
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Antioquia:

With reference to our conversation at the BIA offices in Anchorage during announcement of distributions, I am curious as to whether you have developed guidelines for your employees to cover conflict-of-interest situations. I direct my question particularly in regards to the profit regional

and village corporations and the non-profit activities in the regions.

I wonder if BIA is in direct conflict when BIA employees sit on boards which supposedly are to make decisions which will ultimately affect self-determination, not only in the case of "638" but implementation of ANCSA. Is this to be a case of self-determination FOR Natives or BIA's people advising Natives for the "greater good" of BIA?

When your people attend private corporation meetings, are they there as private citizens? Should they be on leave from their BIA jobs? What FEDERAL REGULATIONS are they violating in accepting fees and per diem from these organizations while on the PAYROLL of the BIA?

I am of the opinion that we are the Native, that BIA, regardless of employees, is the government, and that ANCSA and 638 are facts of Life and Congress. Is BIA circumventing these facts?

Perhaps you may feel it is better for "BIA employee morale" to keep your conflict-of-interest provisions as sleepers. I feel, for Native self-determination, our people should know when your people are out of line. I state this because it is an open secret that the government (you, BIA) will tell us only what you want us to hear.

Thanking you in advance for your early response, I remain,

Sincerely,
Alfred C. Nakak
Box 545
Nome, Alaska 99762

Poem-- grey

In the cold, iced, fog of the dawning morn,
Raven turns his cry to mournful scorn,
I made this world says he,
But Oh, it's colder than inequity,
Now, a grey warrior in the mist asks his grace,
Would you undo what you had done and save your face?
Raven answers well, shield that bears my name,
To change these things would mean my demise,
Think me a fool or think me wise,
But such rearranging would let it show.

You see, I've had to remake it all before,
And I'm not sure, exactly it's put together right,
These recurring problems are really quite a bore,
So things aren't perfect and there's not enough light,
Don't you realize, sometimes less is more,
More may be less and where's the bargain?
Complain about the workmanship. Destroy it if you will, I'll not make another,
I know it's not the best it's possible to do.

So, I've left the details up to you. And furthermore, don't blame me, If you aren't everything you would like to be, I just want you to understand, I've made worse mistakes than when I made this land.

Don't accuse so harshly, it's all in the plans,

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