

Editorial—

The Importance of Claims News in Villages

The designation of Tundra Times by the regional attorneys of Alaska native organizations to be the media for villages in dispensing news of the land claims legislation in Congress, as well as news of related nature, is a heartening one to the staff of the newspaper.

The designation is a significant one for us. It should also be viewed as such by the villagers. It means that the outlying areas everywhere in Alaska should get news of the land claims matter as it progresses toward legislation in Congress and its course through the actual legislation. This will be vitally important to follow every step of the way. It should include reactions of the proponents, native leaders, senators and those of the team of attorneys. It should also contain the efforts of those who will oppose certain contents of the final land bill that will course through Congress. All of these will be vital to follow and all will be commented upon by those who are most concerned with the land claims progress.

It is vitally important then for the villagers, towns, and those native people in cities to watch the momentous effort—the fight for equitable and justifiable solution to the native land claims. The Tundra Times will try hard to present the news of the land matter without bias and to present it as completely as possible.

We are not professing, of course, that we will be hogish about the particular subject but we will try to dispense it from all angles good or otherwise. The claims question will be the headline item in the Alaska news media as well as elsewhere. Reading us and other media should give Alaskans a well-rounded knowledge and information of what is going on and what will entail thereafter.