

*"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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## STEWART CARLO— IN MEMORIAM

Our beloved son Stewart Carlo was taken from us in an anutmobile accident just out of Palmer on October 3rd

This becomes a very hard letter to write, as we are so heartbroken but the one consolation is, we have always given our children a good and loving home and can look on our time together with no regrets by saying I wish we had done this or that with him when we had our dear son with us.

In our hearts, we know he is happy where he is now and can reflect back that they never seemed to be a day that went by that wasn't a wonderful day for him and a blessing for us to have him as our son.

I have always told my husband, my one and only request is when I die I want him to bury me at Nulato, my home, and our family decided this would also be a place where Stewie would rest in peace. We took our son's body down to Nulato on October 5 and buried him in the cemetery overlooking the village of Nulato, and the Yukon which the people take pride in keeping up constantly and taking daily walks up to the cemetery.

We want to thank all the people that came to Nulato for the funeral. There were people from Fairbanks, Anchorage, Fort Yukon, Beaver, Rampart, Nenana, Manley Hot Springs, Tanana, Ruby, Galena, Huslia, Kaltag and Koyukuk. Without the help of Wrights, Harolds and Yeager Air Service, this wouldn't have been possible.

I especially want to thank Edwin Simon of Huslia who composed an Indian song in our sons memory. The words put in the song was beautiful. This has never been heard of, a song made in such a short time. That was a very special thing, and we want to thank him from the bottom our hearts as this is a thing of the past. Edwin is 76 years old, so you see, our son was loved by the young and the very old, alike.

We also want to thank the people of Nulato that just couldn't do enough for us. During the night we had the body in the village, the people brought all kinds of food into the cabin where we had the casket for the people to pay their last respects. There were just so many visitors and there was no shortage of food and after the burial the next day, they had a big potlatch in our sons honor in the hall. One lady even brought in her barrel of blueberries she had put away for winter use.

We also want to thank Father Carroll for making the trip down with us and saying the funeral mass, which was very confornting to the family.

We also want to thank Ruby Esmailka who played the guiter and sang, "I saw the light" during mass; also Georgianna Lincoln who on her own time went to Anchorage to bring back our son Glenn (Manny), who was injured in the car accident. Thank God, He spared us this one son! Thank all you wonderful people here in Fairbanks that brought us food and stayed with us night and day which was a big comfort to us and the beautiful flowers that were sent down to Nulato, some of which didn't have cards. Thanks for the cards and letters we have been receiving daily, even cards with mass offerings.

A special thanks to the women who did the bead work on the Indian slippers and beaded gloves for our son that we wanted him buried in, like our old Indian ways.

Words can never begin to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and relatives who helped us through our time of need over the loss of our beloved son Stewart Carlo, but to those we have not personally thanked, we are ever so grateful and indebted to your help and thoughtfulness. We just can't thank you wonderful people enough, but we will remember you all in our prayers. I, myself, didn't think I could live through it, but our Lord has a way to ease our pain. So to our son who we had enjoyed so much for the short yeats with us, we love you dearly son, God be with you.

Mom and Dad (Bill and Pouldine Carlo)  
Brothers Bill Jr., Wally, Kenny, Manny Carlo, Sisters, Lucy, Kathy Carlo and Dorothy Hertlein.

## Letters from Here and There

### Nothing Seems To Go Right With Stickman

Nulato, Alaska

Oct. 12, 1975

Dear Friend Howard:

Well Howard seems like everywhere I go, nothing seems to go right with me. I've been trying to work my way to Heaven all these years, like working for the Sisters and Priests, and now I try to buy my way to Heaven since I started to work on the slope. But today I couldn't make up my mind to go to the New Church here. The seats are put in so everyone can face each other same as Galena. It just doesn't seem right for me.

Any way I seems to get my Tundra Times on time now. If you mail it Wednesday, the mail plane leaves Fairbanks Thursday, so I get it on time now.

Another thing that's bothering me is the building material that's laying around here for the Village is just going to Hell. Like plywood not covered up, and all the rest we can't get our hands on it, till we move away from this flood area.

Also we have a road here 20 miles that's need repair, but nothing is happening. Also the bridge here is caving away, just put in last year. They've been putting bridges in for 50 years but they have not put the right one in yet.

But anyway what's the use to kick, here we have no worry, no rent to pay, no tax, city tax.

There is lot of moose, lot of fish. We don't even have to buy it.

It snowed 4 inches yesterday and I zoomed up to the liquor store, 40 miles on the New Yamaha. What a nice bouncing trip. Hope to see you soon.

Fred Stickman Sr.

## CIRI Holds Stockholders Annual Meeting

Cook Inlet Region Inc. (CIRI) held its second annual shareholders meeting on Oct. 10 at the Sydney Laurence Auditorium in Anchorage.

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. Friday. Reports were given by the officers and the election for the eligible board seats was held in the afternoon. A count of the votes was delivered the following morning and the meeting adjourned at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11.

Two special prizes were awarded to two lucky CIRI shareholders. A \$500 U.S. Savings Bond was won by Elsie Trembley of Eagle River and a \$100 J.C. Penney gift certificate was awarded to Helen E. Malcolm of Anchorage.

Several hundred CIRI stockholders cast their ballots for six board seats.

Newly elected was William Prosser from the Niniichik area and re-elected to their seats were: B. Agnes Brown, Seraphim

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## Ecuador: The Shuar Federation

By FRANK J. KEIM

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Programs

To walk into the offices of the Shuar Federation in Sucua causes one to reflect and marvel not a little on how well organized the Federation is. Except for the typically Shuar necklaces and bracelets worn by its officers, including the President and Vice President, it reminded me of previous visits to A.F.N. offices in Alaska.

I sat down with the President, Domingo, and the Vice President, Darcisio, and they filled me in on the state of the various Federation programs and projects.

The lumber mill the Federation had purchased a few years back from the Salesian Mission was still operating at a profit and, in fact, was almost completely paid for. True, at times it has problems buying trees from the "colonos" (settlers) in the area, but its Shuar manager, Miguel Tangamash, hopes to eventually be able to build a system of swing lines into Shuar-owned territory to be able to better exploit the timber there.

As mentioned in the previous article, the Federation is involved in acquiring new lands for its members. This means it first must convince the Shuar inhabitants of an area to organize themselves into a cooperative Center. Once that has been done, each member of the Center—that is, every individual 14 years old or over—is entitled to a minimum of 50 hectares (slightly under 125 acres) of good land or 70 hectares of marginal land. Before titles are bestowed, however, the lands must be surveyed, and this is presently being done by European and American (Peace Corps) Volunteers according to an agreement among the Federation, the Ecuadorian Institute of Agrarian Reform and Colonization (IERAC), and the various foreign volunteer organizations concerned. The Federation hopes that by concentrating its efforts in this way it can prevent a head-on collision with settlers from other parts of Ecuador who are intent upon carving out a piece of land for themselves in the vastness of the eastern jungles.

In agriculture, the Federation has established 52 cattle cooperatives which are being partly financed with funds from both the West German and American governments. It is felt that tropical cattle (Brahmas) will offer the Shuar people a more stable subsistence way-of-life than was previously possible. Until recently a German Volunteer has been offering advice in this project as well as in the cattle insemination program that the Federation extends to both the Shuar and settler communities. Shuar agronomists are presently carrying on these programs and also giving technical assistance in other areas.

In health, in addition to the main clinic located next to their headquarters building in Sucua, the Federation also offers health services in the bush. Along with a German volunteer medical doctor and an Ecuadorian (non-Shuar) nurse who are stationed at the clinic in Sucua, there are also 12 full-time Shuar nurses aides who work out of regional health centers, including the one in Sucua. These aides are paid by the Federation, although it is hoped that the Ecuadorian Ministry of Health will soon be picking up the tab. There are also 75 "health promoters" living and working in the more isolated Shuar communities. They are volunteers and are from the area in which they work. Their role is to help promote the idea of preventive medicine as well as to administer curative treatment when necessary. All of these people are aided in their work through medical information programs that are broadcast over the Federation radio which will be mentioned below.

Finally, it is in the area of education that the Federation has invested most heavily, again with generous help from foreign volunteer groups and governments. The most important aspect of this effort is the Bilingual Radio School which works through the Federation broadcasting station located on the second floor of the Federation headquarters building. It is by virtue of this radio school that children in the outlying communities receive even the minimal amount of education necessary for coping with the new realities of the modern world.

With the aid of a radio transmitter and receivers donated several years ago by the American and West German governments, this year children in all of the 108 Shuar Centers will be provided with primary school instruction up to and including the fourth grade. To this end 75 of the radio teacher's aides were receiving classes in Sucua during the summer vacation so that they would be better prepared to utilize this new educational tool. The radio teacher's aides are all native Shuar-speakers and are from the communities they teach in. Instruction is in Shuar, although progressively more Spanish is employed in the last two grades until by the fifth grade only Spanish is used during classes. The idea is similar to the one found in Alaska's bilingual programs and is premised on the belief that it is easier for the important first concepts in school to be learned through the children's primary language, in this case, Shuar.

In addition to the Shuar radio teacher's aides working in the 108 Shuar Centers (sometimes with Ecuadorian Spanish-speaking teachers in the more accessible Centers), there are 10 Shuar radio

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