

# Thanks for Hiland articles

To the Editor:

Recent issue of Tundra Times (May 4, 1983) carried a special feature about Native Cultural Council at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center, Eagle River, Alaska. I am most impressed by this feature as my oldest son, Melvin Apassingok, is there at the Center. The whole family was so gladdened at heart to see pictures of Melvin whom we have not seen since last fall.

Although we have frequent telephone conversation with him, we missed seeing him in person. He has written about his interests and participation in the Native Cultural Council programs.

We are most grateful to Tundra Times for many information and reports that are most important to all Natives. It convinced me beyond doubt that it is truly — Inupiat Paitot (People's Heritage), Ut Kay

neek (Informing and Reporting), Den Nena Henash (Our Land Speaks), Unanguq Tunuktaug (The Aleut Speak), and Yupit Kanlautciat (The Way Eskimo Talk). Perhaps I should suggest adding Yupiiget Ungipiit (Eskimo News).

Keep up the good work, I really appreciate reading it. The paper is really informative of our heritage. Thank you very much from us all.

Herbert Apassingok  
Gambell

# Expand, don't destroy Permanent Fund

Chairman Albert Adams

Chairman Jack Fuller

Dear Reps. Adams and Fuller,

Please find enclosed the signatures of 22,000 Alaskans who support the dividend program. This represents over 10% of the number of Alaskans who voted in 1982. Furthermore, I believe it's the greatest number of signatures on any subject ever submitted to the legislature.

On behalf of those 22,000 Alaskans, I urge that you both oppose all attempts to scrap the dividend program. HB 85 and similar bills must be

defeated.

In nearly every other state, private individuals may own subsurface property rights. Unfortunately, Alaskans may not; government holds all title. Consequently, wealth that should properly be flowing into private hands instead ends up in state coffers. This makes state government and certain special interest groups wealthy, but leaves out most Alaskans.

The ultimate solution is to transfer title of subsurface rights to individual Alaskans. An important step, however, is to transfer at least the income

from those assets to individuals. The dividend program is admittedly not perfect. But it's an important admission — albeit a very small one — that royalty income belongs to Alaskans, not the state government. I would urge that if you contemplate changes in the dividend program, it be done with the desire to expand the program, not destroy it.

Sincerely,  
Dick Randolph  
State Chairman  
Alaska Libertarian  
Party

# Correction on identification

Correction: The name of one member of the first board of the United Tribes of Alaska, a new organization founded to represent the tribal governments of Alaska, was inadvertently left out of a caption

appearing on page 8 of last week's TUNDRA TIMES. Eva Walsh Edwardsen of Tanana is the secretary for the new group. Edwardsen was seated at a table in front of the other members of the

board. We extend our best wishes to Edwardsen and the other board members of UTA.

# Hooper student honored

To the Editor:

The Naparyarmiut School in Hooper Bay is pleased to announce that Patrick Lake has been accepted to attend the Rural Alaska Honors Institute this summer at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Patrick, the son of Adrian and Johanna Lake, is a junior

in the Naparyarmiut School. He has lettered in Varsity Basketball for two years, is a former Hugh O'Brien Scholarship winner, the Vice-President of Student Council, a Junior Class Officer and an Honor Student.

Harry M. Healy  
Principal

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