

"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." - Voltaire

# Tundra Times



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## 'Help Whenever I Can'

Nenana, Alaska  
Feb. 26, 1968

Dear Editor:

I was reading in your newspaper on the 23 Feb. a letter and also some comments from a couple of geologists and a miner, one of the letters I think is way out of line. I was born and raised in Anchorage and I am a white man and I also have lots of friends Negro, Indian and alike, but this does not mean that the letter that was written to Jessens Weekly was right. The Natives have more right to the land in Alaska than any white man ever did and if people like this one that wrote the letter and these two geologists and miners do not like what this Bill S.2906 stands for, I believe that they should go back to where they came from or even take a journey back to the old country the same route the Mayflower took and stay there because we do not need these kind of people in Alaska and I know I don't want them. I believe that Governor Hickel has the natives interest at heart and if this Bill S.2906 is satisfactory to both sides, then that is the way it should be and get this land freeze over and done with, the natives deserve the best because it is us white people who have ruined these game lands and fishing but I guess that is what you would call progress.

White man style just like it was in the lower 48 states the white people finally won over what was actually the Indians by right but that was progress. White man style even if it meant slaughtering a bunch of savages and backward people to do it. Thank God that this has not been done in Alaska but is nearly the same when people like these mentioned before want the State of Alaska and the Government to kill that bill and not give the Natives one single thing that is the way they would like it and if this was ever done I would be ashamed of my race.

As for the miners, if my dad was alive today he could tell a few things about these mining outfits that would put a stop to some of the talk if he were to talk to them. He was here when the (F.E.) Federal Exploration came to the country and he worked for them and quit because of some of the things he did not like that they did. The Natives deserve everything they can get that will benefit them to the utmost and with this they can also help Alaska become one of the richest states in the Union and for this they need our help since we are here and took their land. I pray for this.

I was not going to write this letter but when I read what the two geologists and miner said in Anchorage and also the letter that was written to Jessens, I was pretty well bummed up if there are others like this in Alaska I pray they would go back where they came from or do something because we do not need people who do not want the natives to help us make this a great state that I am proud of. We can all work together and make it that way as long as we can work in harmony and all together not to have two sides where they will be at each others throats. So let us go to work all of you Alaskans who want to see the Natives get what they deserve and get their land freeze over with so we can make this a great state and one that we can be proud to live in.

I agree with the other letter that was written in Jessens Weekly whole heartedly and also the comments made in Anchorage by Richard Frank, Betzi Woodman, Charles Franze, Governor Walter J. Hickel, Jerome Trigg, George King, Roger G. Connor, (Moses Naumoff), Elmer Rasmuson, Joe Rothstein, John Rader and Alfred Ketzler they were all right. And also as for me I will do all I can to help the Natives whenever I can.

Very Sincerely yours,  
David G. Peterson  
Nenana, Alaska

## Grant Allows Continuation of Auroral Probe

The Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska has received a \$82,700 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue research into the similarity between the austral (southern) and boreal (northern) aurora.

The research will involve the use of two jet aircraft that will, in effect, be flying observation "platforms." The aircraft are operated by the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at Berkeley and the Sandia-Corporation, under the sponsorship of the Atomic Energy Commission.

During March, the airplanes simultaneously will fly routes over Alaska and the ocean region south of New Zealand.

Each plane will carry an all-sky camera, an image orthicon television system and photometers to further explore the degree of conjugacy of auroras in the two auroral zones.

Similar flights last spring showed that the auroras can be virtually identical in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere at points conjugated—or linked—by the same geomagnetic field line.

This year's observations will examine micro-structures in the aurora. Scientists also will try to determine if the similarity in austral and boreal auroras breaks down during periods of major magnetic disturbances.

The Geophysical Institute's research will be under the direction of Prof. Albert E. Belon, principal investigator, and Dr. T. Neil Davis, co-investigator.

## Poetry— Every Day I See

*Smiles and eyes  
waving each time we meet;  
Talking, crying eyes  
That never speak.*

—AGNES PRATT

### LETTERS TO EDITOR

February 17, 1969

Dear Editor:

Today we Boy Scouts hiked up a mountain then down to the beach. While we were walking on the road, we saw a deer running down a hill.

When we were cooking our lunches, we were not allowed to use any pans, covers, knives, or forks. We used tin foil to wrap our meat and vegetables, and sticks to move the package into the coals.

Now I can start a fire with only two sticks, if one stick is a MATCH, that is. We had lots of fun.

I got a letter from Sheila Turner from New York. That made me glad.

Sincerely,  
Harold Riach  
Wrangell, Alaska 99929

## Byron Mallott Starts Column Starting Today

Byron Mallott of Yakutat is starting a column in the Tundra Times and it begins today on the editorial page.

"I call it 'ONE VIEW' because these comments are mine and I accept all responsibility for them," Mallott told the Tundra Times.

A young man, Byron Mallott is the second vice president of the Alaska Federation of Natives and grad vice president of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, a southeast Alaska Indian organization that was established over 50 years ago.

In August of 1966, Mallott was employed by the Office of the Governor as Local Government Specialist. He resigned that post on Nov. 1, 1967.

"I traveled extensively throughout Alaska, especially rural Alaska, during my stint in Office of the Governor," said Mallott. "I feel that this has given me some insight into Alaska's problems, especially native problems."

Mallott is also a member of the Governor's Land Claims Task Force and he was appointed by its chairman, Rep. Willie Hensley, as a member of the Task Force's drafting committee that played an important part in the drafting of the compromise land bill in cooperation with the State and the Department of the Interior.

One version of this bill, S.2906, was introduced in Congress early this month by Senator Ernest Gruening and referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. An identical bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Howard W. Pollock.

Byron Mallott also represented the Five Chiefs of Yakutat and testified on their behalf at the land claims hearings on February 8-10 in Anchorage.

Mallott is the former mayor of Yakutat and lives there with his wife and children.

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## ONE VIEW

By BYRON MALLOTT

The Executive Committee of the Alaska Native Brotherhood met in Juneau recently to discuss, among other things, a pledge made by four Executive Committee members to seek approval of a \$500 contribution to the Alaska Federation of Natives. The pledge, made by Roy Peratrovich, William Paul, Sr., John Hope and I at an AFN Board of Directors meeting in Anchorage, was quickly honored and a check in the amount of \$500 has been mailed to AFN.

The Executive Committee also proposed several amendments to the ANB constitution. One significant proposed change will allow tribal (regional association) membership in the ANB. If this change is approved at the next annual convention it opens the door to the ANB seeking STATE-WIDE association status. How about that?

While in Juneau for the ANB Executive Committee meeting, I was able to speak with many of our legislators about the State land claims bill. Some are absolutely opposed to a state royalty, and some urban legislators who are sympathetic are afraid of the reaction back home if they support a State royalty. The administration will amend the bill before introducing it late this week (week of Feb. 18. Editor). Many legislators hope that the measure can be passed this session. I predict some hard work ahead for our native legislators and other supporters of the bill.

During the Senate land claims hearings in Anchorage, a persistent rumor was circulating that an attempt to oust Attorney General Ed Boyko was being made by certain persons in the administration and the legislature in large part because of his zealous efforts on the natives' behalf in the land claims settlement. Now that he is confirmed I think many people, including natives, still aren't sure whether to decry or applaud that confirmation. But that is how Ed Boyko affects people.

Speaking of the land claims hearing, and Ed Boyko prompts me to mention the exchange which the Attorney General and Senator Ernest Gruening had concerning the land freeze. Each verbally patted the other on the back for being so completely opposed to the land freeze. Because the land freeze has been so instrumental in speeding consideration of native claims, and because the Senator did not qualify his statements on the land freeze with regard to the native position, I am sure he will have some explaining to do during the coming campaign.

Is the work of the Land Claims Task Force completed? This question needs to be answered before the legislative session gets too far along. (I hear that the Rural Affairs Commission budget is nearly depleted). In my opinion, the Task Force still has some real work ahead. Drafting the legislation is only the first step in the long process of making legislation law.

To use a military phrase, our flanks are exposed if we are not able to have representation in Washington and Juneau during crucial times in the consideration of the two land claim bills—so let's get AFN's fund drive going.