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A welcome to Anchorage

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Dear Editor:

The National Alliance of Businesses' Anchorage Metro office would like to extend a hearty welcome to the Tundra Times in expanding your offices in our community, and we invite you to call on us at any time, if you need assistance in filling your employment needs.

NAB is a private, non-profit business-led organization mandated by the President of the United States to work in the private business sector to secure jobs for the difficult to employ. Participation in NAB programs by employers is considered a positive and voluntary step for Affirmative Action and E.E.O. considerations.

Personally, my previous affiliation with the Tundra Times was working with Howard Rock and Jimmy Bedford in 1967-68 to produce the photographic prints for the new newspaper. I would like to continue a relationship with now the oldest statewide newspaper in areas I can offer expertise.

Again, feel free to call on NAB-ALASKA for aid in filling your workforce requirements.

Yours truly,
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Some suggestions for the Eskimo-Indian Olympics

August 29, 1978

Dear Editor:

We were very pleased and happy to attend the Eskimo-Indian Olympics in Fairbanks from July 27 thru 29. The games were fantastic but there were a few concerns which we felt should be expressed.

1) We found that the gymnasium was unbearably hot. It is really a miracle that the competitors were able to compete to their potential. This seems to be the general opinion of those who came for the first time. We feel it is imperative that this problem be remedied before the next Olympics began. We would like to make a few suggestions — buy several large fans which could be installed high enough off the floor to ensure safety. The money for the fans can be obtained by raising the price of admission. Either buying or renting fans. Either that or hold the Olympics elsewhere where a person is able to breathe.

2) Hold the parka and baby contest outside where it is a little cooler. That is if the weather is good. Or at least if pictures are to be taken, have the people take their pictures outside.

3) We would like to see a kuskub contest with anyone from the audience participating.

4) Several times during the games, our view was obstructed by the photographers. Even though the M.C. requested that

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they move, they continued to ignore his wishes, and to ignore the rights of others present who paid as much as they did to get in, and some even paid more in travel fees. It is a pity that some have to travel so far just to have their view obstructed by a few feet by people who do not respect other people's rights. I noticed there were guards there and perhaps this could have been their responsibility to clear the floor before a contest began.

5) It would be nice if the previous queen of the Olympics could crown the new queen.

6) Also, that the new queen be requested to wear traditional Native attire during the games. We noticed that the new queen crowned wore black leather store bought boots and a store bought dress during the last day and changes her clothes only during the award ceremony. I feel that the games represent us, the Alaska Native people and the least the queen can do is to represent our traditional clothing of which we are so proud. I, of course, realize that it was hot but many other people in the audience wore their traditional Native clothing despite the heat. I really didn't think this is too much to ask and I feel as though the white people were probably a bit disappointed as we were.

7) Encourage more Eskimo-Indian arts and crafts being sold in the entry way. For some of us this is the only livelihood that we have in supporting our families. Since it is our culture that is being exhibited, it would be only fair that it is our people that should benefit from it.

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