

ON THE OUTSIDE

Looking In

BIG MEDICINE—Our roving editor, Howard Rock, recently wrote his secretary concerning an inquiry of Merv Mullins, substitute editor for three weeks. Mr. Rock, incidentally, was happily sketching the rustic beauty of Skagway the day his letter reached Fairbanks. Merv Mullins had innocently asked the whereabouts of the newspaper's aspirin bottle, unknowingly giving grounds for a new personnel policy. Mr. Rock wrote:

"The policy of the Tundra Times is that any man who takes the place of this editor shall be supplied with 25 cents worth of aspirin for the duration of three weeks' labor. In the event the substitute uses up the supply before the end of three weeks, he will have to endure the additional headaches to the best of his ability and consider this discomfort as a contribution to the cause of the Tundra Times. You may relay this information to my esteemed colleague. If Mullins should show displeasure to the above policy, please duck for me any missiles that might be directed toward your charming person. So be it!

HOOF SOUP—Our neighbors in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, Canada, have a new weekly publication called THE DRUM, by their own admission "usually published every Thursday." The April 14 edition carried this recipe: "Boiled Reindeer or Caribou Hoofs—Put the hoofs with skin still on them in a large pot. Cover with hot water and boil for a couple of hours. The skin peels off easily then. The muscles are soft and very good to eat. The toe nails also have some soft sweet meat inside them." From the Wa Cook Book.

WHOOFS—Overheard in a local restaurant: "They really should keep the Alaska State Legislature open during the summer as a tourist attraction."