

Letters from Here and There

A Friend Asks Dr. Soboleff Be Area Director

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Mr. Morris Thompson,

Area Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Juneau, Alaska 99801

The Honorable Representative
Young
House of Representatives
U.S. Congress
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

In this modern world everything is not only changing but changes everywhere appear to be accelerating. These necessary changes have direct effect on our Alaskan way of life, especially on us who are Natives of Alaska.

Mr. Morris Thompson has been highly recommended to become the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. If this choice becomes a reality we will need to find someone to be our Area Director in Juneau replacing Mr. Thompson. As a Native Alaskan, I know of no one at the moment who has qualifications of an Area

Director, than the Reverend Dr. Walter A. Soboleff. I have known Walter since 1925, attended school with him at Sheldon Jackson (Sitka), and later at University of Dubuque also at Dubuque Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

For some thirty (30) years Dr. Soboleff was the minister of Presbyterian Church in Juneau, as well as a Minister-at-large in Alaska Presbytery. For several years he served as a Chaplain within Alaska National Guard, recognized by the U.S. Army, and came out with the rank of Lt. Colonel. Presently, he is the Director of Native Studies Program at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. With wide experience of activity with all classes of people in Alaska, as well as in Continental United States, Walter holds a high regard by all who know him.

Placing Dr. Walter A. Soboleff as a potential candidate for the office in Juneau is a challenge for us who are supporting him.

Please accept this letter as a recommendation and a request for your favorable consideration of nomination for Dr. Soboleff to the office of Area Director.

Yours respectfully,
Percy Ipalook, Sr.

Coordinator Resigning

September 28, 1973

Dear Editors:

September 30 is my last day of employment in the State Department of Economic Development, Native Arts and Crafts Development. I have not as yet decided where I will be working next. I hope to have a few weeks off before locating somewhere also. I will be doing village work perhaps from AFN or State Operated Schools in Education Administration and may have some articles to contribute to your paper from there.

I had hoped to write a final article, however, I ran out of time. There is the possibility that the person who takes my place will be continuing the arts and crafts articles. That person, hopefully, will be hired by mid-October and on the job shortly thereafter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation both in the area of printing the articles I sent to you and your public service advertisements about the Silver-Hand Identification Program. We would appreciate any further public service advertising you can do for the program, as our advertising budget this year was rather limited.

Thank you again for your assistance in getting the word about the available resources in the State for arts and crafts to the people of the villages by way of your paper.

Sincerely,
Miss Lynn Chambers
Coordinator of Arts &
Crafts Development

Point Things Out

Dear Editor:

In my letter regarding non-natives working for a Native Corporation, I wish to point out that my comments in no way reflect on ALL non-native employees of Regional Corporations. There are many non-natives working whole-heartedly for the Regional Corporations.

Thank you,
Name on file