

Bethel Area Eskimos Rankled By One of Three Time Changes

The City of Bethel and the surrounding villages in the Kuskokwim area became unwilling victims of a time change. This is nothing very unusual because areas do have time changes—daylight saving time and such.

But there is something different about the Bethel area time change and the predominantly Eskimo folks are hollering the equivalent of "foul" but they don't know exactly to whom it should be directed.

On March 19, somebody suddenly ordered that clocks be set back one hour so the time would coincide with the Bering Sea Standard Time or Nome area time.

Bethel and the villages around there had been on Alaska Standard Time or the Anchorage area time. When the order came, the folks there didn't want anything of the sort.

They knew there was going to be a time change anyway

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on April 28, just less than three weeks hence, which would not have affected them in the first place.

Come April 28, the folks in the Kuskokwim area will again set their clocks one hour ahead. When the fall time arrives, they will again set their clocks minus one hour or to the Bering Sea Standard Time.

That will be the third time this year the folks in the Southwestern will manipulate their clocks. It's no wonder in righteous consternation they are spewing the equivalent of "phooey" at all the time fuss.

"Some people flat refused to set their clocks back on March 19," said a Fairbanks man who had been in Bethel recently.

Airline service people are not happy either because they had to manipulate their schedules.

"Airlines people said," the Fairbanks man said, "that it was hard enough to wake the people up in the morning at the usual time, and with an hour setback, it would be even harder."