

Manager Agrees with Monaghan

Elim, Alaska
July 17, 1968

Mr. Leonard L. Monaghan
% Tundra Times
Box 1287
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Monaghan,

Re: Your letter and article of July 12, 1968 in Tundra Times concerning Mr. Winfield Ervin Jr., General Manager, Alaska Native Cooperative Industries Association and your contrasting convictions regarding ANICA'S business approach to the village stores.

Personally, I am in full agreement with your views having been aware of the problems for some many years. Seems on one, although commonly bound as a "co-operative" had the courage to make oppositions public other then to discuss and express the case lightly, if not privately.

Also, having read your letter I am reminded of the opposing letter I wrote dated January 1967 to Mr. Dan Lisbourne, chairman, ANICA Board of Directors. Following is a paragraph from this letter: I quote "—Being concerned on behalf of our respective store and its future relations with ANICA's present nature of operations, I wish to suggest or plead with you to look into this and related matters concerning the legal behavior ANICA conducts its business. I am convinced that there are others whom are just as concerned regarding the action performed within ANICA headquarters." The phrase "action performed" being the removal of Mr. Leo E. Murphy then the General Manager and placing Mr. Winfield Ervin, Jr. in this position. Consequently, your views as expressed appeared to me most appropriate and coincidental.

In conclusion, I wish to express my deepest respect for your brave action and sincere sympathy to the Native people of Alaska.

Very Sincerely,
Andrew N. Daniels
Manager,
Elim Native Store