

Letters from here and there

On shareholders and money

Dear Editor:

Documented proof points to a fact, the Alaska Native corporations were never meant to succeed. They were never given the option to settle for a lump cash sum if they had wished to do so. Thousands did not even know what a 'corporation' was. Thousands had no idea for whom they were voting in to operate their corporations.

Many voted in Alaska Native Brotherhood-Sisterhood, already, one of the largest member political groups who once in, started shooting down their own shareholders by donating corporation money by the millions of dollars back to the Brotherhood-Sisterhood. Did they, the Brotherhood-Sisterhood hold one of their common secret behind-closed-door- meetings decide this was legal? According the the 1971 settlement act, no shareholder money is to be used for political purposes. The sole purpose of the corporations is to earn money and distribute the profits to the shareholder. Nowhere in the set of documents does it say shareholder money IS to be donated to anyone.

From my standpoint, Julie Kitka and her entire regiment of the Alaska Federation of Natives, along with the Alaska Native Brotherhood-Sisterhood, Sealaska Corp. included, get prepared for a 'legal' confrontation of which you may not forget for some time to come.

Sealaska is also guilty of tampering with voting proxies, counting votes after the legal deadline. Again, sticking a 'screw' into the poor and hungry shareholder. When will you Sealaska shareholders wake up to the 'crimes' heaped on you by the corporate money-pocketing hoods pretending to manage your money and laughing all the way to the bank?

We have a 'last ditch' effort enacted by Jackie Guzilek of Anchorage raising funds to hire an attorney, a Mr. Mark Davis, who aided winning a case for the North Slope Borough Natives.

Sealaska is in 'Strategic Planning,' which in my guess is no more than an extension of 'Alaska 2000' and directly connected to the 'New World Order.' I can just say, 'GOD, HELP US!'

Thank you very kindly,
Halvor Engelstad
Wasilla

It's getting too way out of hand

Dear Editor:

Hello! We would like for you to print this for our sake and

for the surrounding villages who depend on subsistence way of life.

It's getting too way out of hand and will jeopardize our future if we were to live off this land.

If there is a need of more information please feel free to give us a call.

Sincerely,
Nasauriumiut Yupiit Elders Council
Teddy Coopchiak, Sr.
Henry Kobuk

To Whom It May Concern:

On May 30, 1992, The Nasauriumiut Traditional Elders Council met with it's people to review and examine previous and past representation of Togiak.

It was the consensus decision to remove, and eliminate the Traditional Council of Togiak out of existence, of which the signature voting process is the result made available to various interests that may come in contact with the entity that was dissolved.

To make this significant political posture, clear, to outside governments and their judiciary branches that affects and impacts our destiny; to make this pivotal move "homogeneous" this relinquishes any form of enrollment with the Traditional Council of Togiak.

We have hearing and reading some of who can understand the English language about our walruses and the reindeers. That the Togiak Traditional Council of Togiak has something to say about them and make a big issue out of them. Who listens to them for they do not confer with the residents and their Elders. The majority of them think they are a bunch of drunks and rarely seen out subsisting for the said animals in our area.

If you have any comments please contact the address below:

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History repeats itself

Dear Editor:

In the 19th century, our nation was young and reaching out to stretch itself from the Atlantic on the east to the Pacific on the west. Washington wanted to control all the land and the people in it. So, since they could not control the Indians with their laws, they supported the slaughter of the buffalo, attempting to starve the

Indians into submission. This did not work.

The Government still wanted absolute control, so they sent forth the Cavalry to MASSACRE the Indians and to force the ones that were left onto reservations that were out of the way of the whiteman. That land that the whiteman felt was worthless, since at the time the government continued to take more and more. They have proved their word is not any good as they have proceeded to take reservation land back.

(SOMETIMES WHITE MAN SPEAK WITH FORKED TONGUE. . .) Now we are in the end of the 20th century, at the very threshold of the 21st century, supposedly a civilized people and again Washington has empowered an arm of the government, the Dept. of the Interior, to go forth and take absolute control of people and the land on which they live and control the water they live from. What they do not realize is they will have to build prisons for our people or shoot us as we are the people of the land and the sea on which we live, and we will not give up without a fight! ! ! We are born to this land. This is our home. This is our life! ! !

What we have maintained for centuries our Government has destroyed in decades, for lack of understanding, ignorance and misinformation.

As an example, the Hagemeister Reindeer massacre, regulations on mining, stopping our people from hunting in Glacier Bay, the radioactive waste at Cape Thompson, the many abandoned military sites around the state with the PCB's leaking into our food chain.

Rick Blodgett
Teller

Keep up the good work.

Stanley Hart
New York City

We all extend our very best wishes.

Mary Jane Fate
Fairbanks