

Correction, apology

In the Sept. 23 issue of the Tundra Times, we questioned editorially the absence of several state and federal leaders when the Commission on relocation of the Japanese and Aleuts held hearings in Anchorage.

In that editorial, the absence of the Alaska Congressional delegation was questioned as was the absence of Gov. Jay Hammond and other leaders. Their statements were read by aides.

Information for that editorial was obtained from the commission and its staff.

The Tundra Times last week learned that Sen. Ted Stevens had testified before the commission when it met in Washington, D.C., early in the commission's hearing process. For that error in our editorial we apologize. You will read elsewhere on this page a letter from Senators Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski and Rep. Don Young recounting their part in the establishment of the commission. For this they are to be congratulated.

We recognize the part that the delegation has played in the matter up to this point and again wish to publicly apologize for the misunderstanding and misinformation which led to the mistake in the editorial.

We still believe, however, that the presence of a United States Senator and Alaska governor at the hearings would have placed a big weight on the side of the Aleuts who are seeking justice in this matter. That belief was not ours alone. We know it was shared by at least one member of the commission.