

"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it" -VOLTAIRE

Publisher's Notes

DOYON'S WINNING TEAM

Two years ago, we reported on Doyon's losses and the agony that shareholders and management went through to make changes for a better future, knowing at the time that one day we would be able to come back to our readers with a report about Doyon's success.

At next month's annual meeting, Doyon will be reporting a profit to its shareholders, and we believe that credit should be given where credit is due; that is to the winning management team and of course to the shareholders who put them there.

At the helm is well known Morrie Thompson, President and Chief Executive Officer along with Chairman of the Board Sam Demientieff. Working with them are a number of dedicated board members, Mike Harper, Dee Olin Hoffman and Maurice McGinty, Rosemarie Maher, Roger Huntington, Tim Wallis and Steve Ginnis as well as Pat Frank, Jimmy Walker, Peter Snow, Wally Carlo and Georgianna Lincoln.

Doyon is heading toward 1991 with strength and confidence and a winning team. Their success is not so much the financial profits reported although that cannot be minimized. Doyon's success is being able to put together a hard working group of people who are sensitive to their shareholders.

LEGISLATIVE PAY RAISES: IS HOW MUCH THE REAL QUESTION?

A popular question being asked these days is "How much should legislators get paid?" Too many people have been asking that question so the State House proposed to repeal its 1983 pay raise and establish a commission to set future salaries for legislators, who are now paid \$46,800. When and if the Senate approves that measure, the initiative to repeal the pay raise which is on the november ballot will be chucked.

The question is not how much or how little legislators should get paid, but who should decide on the matter. Apparently some have concluded that the people we put into office are not to be trusted with pay raises although we must trust them to make good laws for us.

If a commission is set up, would they not first decide what to pay themselves. Commission members would have to get, at the very least, per diem and travel expenses and depending upon the amount of time and work probably salaries as well. And would their decisions be any better accepted than the present one, decided by those culprits in Juneau.

There are a few legislators who have served this state well through "thick and thin." People like John Sackett and Frank Ferguson were down there when there wasn't much money around to pay anyone. There were probably times when they wondered whether or not the state could afford to pay for travel from Kotzebue and Ruby to Juneau. The whole point is they worked as hard for \$4,000 as they are today at \$46,800.

If the voters don't like what some of their legislators are doing with pay raises in Juneau, say so at the ballot box.