Letters to the Editor October 20, 1968

Dear Editor:

Just about 55 years ago I started to notice every white man that came in the village, the first thing they do is build a fence around their cabin, take as much land as they could take, prospectors, trappers, hospital, roadhouse, post office, jail and commissioner.

But the worst ones were the Signal Corps, build a road through the middle of the village, and the missionaries took the most, one half mile wide and one mile long.

I was the only one in the village that tried to stop them but all I did was put myself in trouble. Nobody sticks with me. This is why I give up everything, it's about time I quit.

But I want to tell you AFN to keep pushing to get our land back. I can tell you why they froze it. They just want to hold us back for a while. They know they can't win. Our land is our land and we have to get something for it.

United States can't keep stolen property when we win. We'll sue the Russians for steal-ing millions of dollars from us poor Indians.

Fred Stickman, Sr.

Dear Editor:

The Friday, October 18, issue of the Tundra Times erroneously quotes me as making a statement concerning endorsement of Elmer Rasmuson for political office.

I did not state, nor did I imply any endorsement for Elmer Rasmuson or any other candidates. For this reason, I am asking that you correct the impression carried by your paper that I endorsed Elmer Rasmuson for U.S. Senate.

Please print this letter in its entirety in the newspaper or indicate in a separate article that the statements attributed to me simply are not true.

Sincerely, Seratima Shane