

"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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Editorial Comment—

The Value of Alaska Legal Services Program

The Alaska Legal Services Corp. program is young in years in Alaska. But even at that, its far flung services are being felt throughout the huge State of Alaska. And this in a most satisfying manner especially in the remote rural areas.

Before ALSC was established a few years ago, there was very little legal service done in the bush. No dedicated work was done for the Native people in the outlying areas. The people there were most ignorant what legal work meant. It was a dead area as far as this arm of service was concerned.

Now all this has changed. The Native people are finding out what great value legal work in their behalf has become. They are becoming educated to it to a pretty good extent in such a short time. They have seen the fruits of toil by ALSC in their behalf and this has been good. They want more of it and they are becoming involved in it, as they should.

Since the Native folks have become involved with the Alaska Legal Services, the interest in the work of the organization has grown by leaps and bounds — so much so that the workload of the ALSC has become overburdened. This means the Native people have awakened to the valuable rewards of legal work that has been done for them. They want more of this because they have found it good.

The growth of demands for the services of ALSC is becoming acute because of the personnel that is getting inadequate because of the greatly increased workload. The ALSC is asking for increased funding and modest increase in its personnel. We hope that its request will be honored by the powers that be because the services it is doing in Alaska has become extremely valuable. The Alaska Native people, as well as the poor among whites and other minorities, have a great need for it.

Satellite System May Include Alaska

Briefing Senator Ted Stevens recently, MCI Lockheed Satellite Corporation stated they have a proposal pending before the Federal Communications Commission that could include Alaska in a national satellite communications system.

Based on a distance insensitive rate structure, Lockheed's multiple use satellite could provide long distance audio and video communication intra-state and interstate at less cost than current long distance communications.

Distance insensitive means that satellite technology costs have no relationship to distance. Current costs are based on the distance of communications over land lines, but a satellite can deliver a signal to any point in its area of coverage at almost a uniform cost.

Lockheed's satellite would

contain a total of 48 transponders — which are transmit-receive units. At least four transponders would be devoted to Alaska use.

Each unit could handle between 200 and 400 voice circuits. Roughly equivalent to the circuiting required for one video channel for television.

Senator Stevens advised the Lockheed delegation he would only support a satellite system that would provide video capability (TV) to Alaska without extra carrying charges to be borne by Alaskan residents.

He said, "Rural Alaskans live behind a cultural curtain and that is highly detrimental to children, in particular. Television will make the difference whether or not they will be subject to cultural lag, and be able to compete with children from

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Chef Digs Indonesian Food—

But Serves Turkey, Hamburgers, Etc., at Tundra Club

By MARGIE BAUMAN
ANCHORAGE — Chef Bert Kleinenberg says Indonesian cooking is his favorite, but he's serving up turkey, roast beef and hamburgers at the Tundra Club of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

Kleinenberg leaned over the counter of the Tundra Club the other day, offering a root beer popple to little Allen Valley, who giggled with anticipation.

It was Allen's first birthday and his mother, Nida Valley held him as he licked the pop-

sicle with vigor.

Kleinenberg handed the next customer a steaming cup of fresh coffee, then sat down to discuss the success of the now privately operated Tundra Club, an inexpensive, quick service restaurant with the ANMC.

"We've got them standing in line, now," said Kleinenberg, who took over the operation from Rehabilitation Industries in June. The government leased the cafeteria to the Government Employees Association and they subleased to Kleinenberg.

Through a percentage of the profits, they too share in the success of his business. Indeed, Kleinenberg doesn't want to limit the customers to the many hospital employees and visitors who frequent the restaurant daily and Saturday. Kleinenberg knows many of his customers by name.

The special meal of the day, available from lunch hour until 5 p.m. closing time, is always \$1.25, whether it's roast beef or spaghetti.

Hamburgers are 65 cents, french fries 35 cents, Eskimo pies 20 cents and coffee a dime, except from 7-8 a.m., when the coffee is free.

Kleinenberg wonders though, whether he can keep the prices down on the soups, salads, sandwiches and other food he sells.

"Prices locally are unreasonable and unjustified," he said. "I can buy cheaper any item off shelves than I can buy wholesale and I don't know why."

"It gets me kind of frustrated. Nobody comes to me with pencil and paper and explained why. I keep prices to a minimum. I don't have to get rich if I can make a decent living," he said.

"But just yesterday the wholesaler called to tell me the ham went up 18 cents a pound in the last 10 days. I hate to increase prices, but if wholesale costs go up, what can I do?"

Kleinenberg began his culinary education in Holland at age 14 and went on to get a chef's diploma in Rotterdam in 1959 after five years in the Merchant Marine in Holland.

He also has served as chef on an ocean liner, a chain of Dutch restaurants, the U.S. Air Force and Alaska Methodist University.

His personal tastes run to Indonesian foods and he once wrote a book about Indonesian cooking which he hopes to have time to translate.

At the Tundra Club, he sticks to American dishes. "Wholesome American food day after day will give you more business than day after day of exotic dishes," he said.

Consumer Protection—

Third Main Office Opens at Juneau

The third main office of the Department of Law's Consumer Protection Program has been opened in Juneau to serve the Panhandle area of Alaska, Attorney General John E. Havelock said.

"Even though the Juneau office was not completely set up, we received 17 complaints and 30 other inquiries during October, recovering \$300 in various amounts for consumers in Southeast," Havelock said.

The Attorney General said another 14 complaints, some made before October, were closed without a settlement after investigation showed there was no valid legal bases for the complaint.

The Anchorage Consumer Protection Office has received 57 complaints and 73 other inquiries from the time it opened in early September through the end of October, he said.

"During that time 10 cases were closed and \$1,724 in various small sums was recovered for consumers in Southcentral Alaska," the Attorney General said.

In slightly more than a week of operation in late October the Fairbanks office received 15 complaints, he said.

Complaints and inquiries from people in Southeast Alaska

as far north as the Yakutat area will be handled by Mr. Peter Partnow of the Department of Law in Juneau, Havelock said.

People in the Southern panhandle may make their initial contact through Mr. Hal Brown, District Attorney in Ketchikan, he said.

Havelock said arrangements are also under way to allow the distribution of consumer complaint forms directly in many rural areas of the state.

"Meanwhile, persons in doubt where to file a complaint or get information should write to the consumer protection section of the Attorney General's Office in Anchorage, Fairbanks, or Juneau, or contact the nearest District Attorney," he said.

It Was 'Thron-diuk'

The famous Klondike Valley, scene of the most spectacular gold rush in the world, was originally pronounced "Thron-diuk" by the Yukon Indians.

It meant "Hammer-Water" because native fishermen hammered stakes into the Klondike river, near the present city of Dawson to catch salmon as they made their way up stream to spawn.

Letters from Here and There

Fred Stickman Is OK But He Is Getting Cabin Fever

Nulato, Alaska
Nov. 14, 1972

Editor:

Hi Mr. Rock, how is my friend the editor. Hope you're doing OK. I'm doing OK here but I'm getting cabin fever. I hope to see you before the winter is over.

You know Howard, this Yukon River is a big river. Some places over a mile wide. And you can set a fish net anywhere and any place on the river and catch all the fish you want. Just to prove it to you and others, I set some hooks and fish net in front of my house and catch all kinds of fish. I can't have a license, only driver's license.

But still there's something that "stinks here." The Earth Movers have a contract here to build one mile road and widen the airfield. There is not one local man working here when I came home. Not one Indian —

all whites. The Tanana Chiefs and AFN don't even come around and see what's going on. I don't know what all the meeting is all about. I don't think they accomplished anything as I was at the meeting myself. It's just a waste of money. They're using all my money and everyone else's money.

How come all these smart young punks sold our land for \$500 million and 40 million on credit to the government. Can't the government pay the \$500 million cash? You know the government is smarter than the Indians and Eskimos. They hired Emil Notti because he was too smart for them. Now he found out and he quit.

Can I buy Alaska for \$500 million on credit? Why did we sell it and no money? I'm still waiting for mine. I was born March 31, 1907. I was 65 years old 7 months ago and I don't get no pension check. I worked all summer 2/3 of my

wages went for tax and I have nothing now.

I went up to Galena, Alaska three times to see the social worker and he turned me out on the street without no help. And he was also a white man drawing big salary sitting down and I worked hard all my life and I can't get a job like that.

Well anyway, I'm going trapping again in the land that belongs to someone I don't know who. I sure like to find out who owns this land 100 miles square where I trap. BLM was going to do this and that to our land after we sold it but we didn't get any money yet.

Well friend, if you don't put all this letter in, put some of it in anyway. It's up to you. You're smart. And if you leave some out, send my letter back with the Tundra Times.

Thank you friend and best regards to all Fairbanks. I'm getting bored here.

Fred Stickman, Sr.