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Editorial Comment—

Emil Notti, The Un-Native

In recent years, Alaska Native people have come to the foreground of political action in this growing and progressive state. They have much cause to be proud of their

heritage, their accomplishments, and their contributions. It has been said that Emil Notti, candidate in the special election for the seat left vacant by the tragic disappearance of Congressman Nick Begich, was to be lauded for being the first Alaska Native to run for national office.

The measure of Emil Notti goes beyond that definition. Much of what Emil is and what Emil stands for is closely associated with the Native movement in Alaska. But Emil has transcended the lable of "The Native Candidate.

Emil stood his ground on issues that went beyond the borders of Alaska. He spoke with conviction on matters of national interest and international interest. Notti supporters came in all shapes and sizes. There were Alaskan Natives among them but there were many Un-Natives also.

The single most important result of yesterday's election is that a candidate in Alaska can no longer be identified by a tag or a lable. There have been and there will be more and more Alaskan Natives participating in government. They will participate as equal citizens of the state, they will speak for and listen to all the segments of the electorate ... White, Black, and Native. Alaska is a state of much cultural diversity, as is the

Notti "The Italian Candidate" from his immigrant pioneer father, Joseph Notti, who came to the Alaskan gold field from his "native" Italy. But Emil Notti is no longer half-Italian or half-Athabascan. He is total American, and as such speaks for a wide range of of people, among them the Alaska Native people, no longer a splintered and separated group but part and parcel of the mainstream of American life.

For that accomplishment, we take this opportunity to congratulate Emil Notti, the UN-NATIVE.

Tom Richards, Jr.'s Column--

RealMoraleBoosterforNativeServiceMen:NativeFoods

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OLONGAPO CITY This is my first column. I will confess to having written material previously which may have seemed to be original commentary. However, this is the first time that my by-line appears with what I will allow to be called a column. There are two reasons why I wish to begin a column.

One objective for this stems from my wishes to keep my byline alive in the Tundra Times. The desire to express myself before our readers in an occupational hazard to which I am a willing victim. I also enjoy the latitude in journalistic license afforded by this type of writing. As a reporter, I have to

As a reporter, I have scramble like hell to catch couple of hastily muttered thoughts from people who pre-fer that I wouldn't bother them, and then guzzle strong coffee and devour cigarettes while rac-ing the clock to meet the deadline. As a columnist, I have my ideas and my commentary and a leisurely schedule in which to develop them. When I return to Alaska, I

will have to make a living and probably even have to do some reporting. At this time, I ask to be allowed to exercise the endowed to exercise the prerogatives of a columnist's station in life. Columnists are widely regarded as political operatives, and many are called liberal or conservative writers. In this particular piece, I will assume the role of a liberal columnist.

Liberal columnists like to build solid bases from which we can raise our voices and issue eloquent appeals for the more disadvantaged members of our society. We attempt to lend a society. We attempt to lend a bit of humanism to our by-lines



SAILFISH FOR TOM — Tom Richards, Jr., contribution journalist for the Tundra Times, caught this eight-foot sailfish while deep-sea fishing on February 27 in the South China Sea. Richards, at left, shows the sail fin of the fish, which was the first of the prized game fish to be caught this year near Subic Bay in the Philippines The sailfish fought for forty minutes before it was gaffed. Pictured with Richards are crew members of the Cubi Chief fishing boat. (Photograph by BUD HENSLEY)

by issuing appeals for aid for worthy causes. I have found a worthy cause and, accordingly, will issue an appeal. I want to

inspire Alaska villages to undertake an act of charity. Many of us are aware of

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Letters from Here and There Galena Defends School; Tells Off Stickman

Miss Nora Demoski Box 112 Galena, Alaska

February 26, 1973

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Dear Editor:

Once in a great while, usually every summer, we see Fred Stickman here at Galena. I hope I don't happen to run into him because I would want to start up a big argument with him about his last letter on Galena and the high-school that the people of Galena need so badly. fact, we need a high-school just as much as Nulato needs a highschool. Galena do need a highschool and it's our problem, not Nulato's.

Galena has a lot of criticism from the public. I think it's time that a lot of the people who takes a different view of Galena should realize that there is a lot of good on the other side too. If a person gets hurt, or needs help in some way, the people of Galena would get to-

gether. maybe have a raffle, bakesale, or dance to raise money to help that person. I see a lot of good, nice people here.

A lot of people talk about the newsite that is located 11/2 miles up the road. It's called Alexander's Lake and some people are already living there. It's a beautiful place to live and that's another good side of Galena. It seems like the more Galena is growing and improvits community, the more ing criticism it receives. Alcoholism is a problem but not only Galena's. Basketball games, snow-machine races, raffles, bakesales, dances, and other activities substitute alcohol. It's not because "Galena gets everything" as the old saying goes, but it's because something is done for it. We have very little of the drinking problem now. At least it gives something for the children and high-school students to go home satisfied before their curfew hour. The older people very seldom complain about having nothing to do.

> Yours truly, Nora Demoski

Box 27 Galena, Alaska 99741 February 26, 1973

Mr. Howard Rock, Editor Tundra Times Box 1287 Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Mr. Rock:

I have been reading Fred Stickman's letters for ages now, and this time he really ticked me off. It's sad that he's me off. It's sad that he's fighting Galena's chance to get new school and down-grading Galena's reputation when he use to live and work here himself

People are always talking about the terrible drinking pro always talking blem and the girls running a-round with G.I.'s here. If everyone would just stop to think about it, there's only a mere handful (if that much) that have this G.I. and drinking problem. It's the people who come from out of town that gave us our bad reputation. If you would notice, they're the ones who drink and ruise hell. He asks, "Why Galena?" for

a new school. We need a school just as bad and even worst than (Continued on page 8)

Sackett Bill Revised

On Tuesday, March 6, the Alaska State Senate passed a Auska State Senate passed a revised version of Senator John Säckett's Subsistence Hunting Bill by a vote of 11 to 8. The original bill which caused a furor of controversy and met with strong opposition from sports hunters served to dramatize the legitimate concerns underlying the issues.

the issues. "So often," said Senator Sackett, "we introduce legis-lation and it's just by-passed as being unimportant until you take some drastic action to direct attaction to the concernent direct attention to the concept

Sackett said the purpose of his original proposal was two-fold – "First, to the legislature, and also to the Department of Fish and Game and to their Board to recognize the need for a certain amount of protection to people who subsist off the land."

The new bill does not require The new bill does not require that the state set aside 25 mile radius zones for protection of subsistence around each rural village as originally proposed, but instead, gives authority to the State Fish and Game Com-missioner to establish zones based on need and at the request of a specific area. of a specific area.

It also allows other hunters and fishermen access to the area if it is determined that sub-sistence needs are being ade-quately met and there is no quately met and there is no conflict. Overall, the new version of the bill has more built in flexibility based on actual need, game population, and season. (Continued on page 11)