

Important Changes

To right a wrong, especially one that involves basic human values desired for more serene everyday living, sometimes has to be brought about by pointing it out through a public media. This manner of doing such things is not always a pleasant procedure because, even though one does not wish to hurt anyone, one does so nevertheless. This is unfortunate. This method, however distasteful it might be to some of us, sometimes becomes the only expedient means to employ. It is a recourse that we must take occasionally but which we do with hopes that a smallest measure of harm, or none at all, will result to those toward whom it is directed. Such was the method we had to employ to point out some inequities in the policies of the Federal Electric Corporation concerning white men married to Eskimo women along the Distant Early Warning system in the Arctic.

Since the publicity, FEC has now rescinded the policies. This has resulted in the lessening of tensions and the easement of strained relations between the employer and the employees. This turn of events has certainly been enlightening to those of us who were involved in the brief but intense flare of controversy.

Since positive steps have now been made by FEC toward solving the problem posed by its employees and by this newspaper, all of us concerned should be fair-minded enough to recognize it as a humanitarian step by the company. It is a manifestation that the huge firm also has the inherent capacity to exercise human relations toward its employees. This effort at correction should help to establish a good base for smoother performances in the execution of jobs along the vital and highly important system along the Arctic.