

# What others say...

## *Togiak hunters should give herd a chance*

To the editor:

My letter concerns the article about the Togiak Hunters. In the article you reported that "Togiak leaders say Fish and Game ought to transplant caribou into the region if they want a new herd, instead of closing hunting on caribou who wander in." I agree with the Togiak leaders. Fish and Game should transfer the caribou into the area. But, now, the Togiak people can't hunt for awhile. While the Togiak people are not hunting, the

Fish and Game would be transferring the caribou to the area. At least they'll have a lot of caribou once there is a herd. If the Togiak people hunt while Fish and Game are transferring caribou in they won't have anymore caribou to hunt, and Fish and Game wouldn't want to transfer any more in because the Togiak people would just keep on hunting them.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ann Wonhola  
Bristol Bay

## *Togiak hunters are not the real poachers*

To the editor:

My letter concerns the article about the Togiak Hunters. In the article you reported that Fish and Game called them (Togiak Hunters) poachers. What about the people who passed the ANCSA law. Aren't they poachers too? To me they (ANCSA people) are, even though they bought our land they didn't tell us what they were doing to us and our land. It was only after they

(ANCSA people) passed the law we, the Natives started to take part in it. Ken Taylor said, "if the Togiak Hunters understand what we are doing, they will vote for it." In my opinion Taylor should go over to Togiak and make them understand and then he should see if they (Togiak Hunters) will vote for it.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Sue Hunter  
Bristol Bay

## *Former reader sick, sick, sick, of criticism*

To the editor:

I'm sick, sick, sick of *Tundra Times* censoring and criticizing either Tribal Governments or Judge Thomas Berger's *VILLAGE JOURNEY*. In fact isn't that why Bill Hess resigned as editor?

If I may your caption states and I quote: "I may not agree with what you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it" \*\*Voltaire.

When you criticize *VILLAGE JOURNEY*, you are criticizing the Alaska Native people. Berger's recommendations were compiled from the Native people who testified.

Please count me as a former reader of *Tundra Times*.

Sincerely,  
Cora Sacaloff  
Kenai Alaska

□ *Criticism and analysis of critical issues is one of the functions of a newspaper. One of the most frequent criticisms leveled at ANCSA is that nobody understood it or how it would affect the lives of Alaska Natives. It follows that the recognition of tribal governments and the Berger recommendations are two topics whose merits and drawbacks must be closely examined.*

*I must take issue with your statement that criticism of "Village Journey" amounts to criticism of Native people. Judge Berger's recommendations are his own; the testimony he gathered*

*throughout the two years of travel around the state undoubtedly convinced him that those recommendations were necessary and desirable, but I doubt that he would ask us to adopt them wholesale as unquestioned articles of faith.*

*As to Mr. Hess' reasons for leaving the Tundra Times, I am sure that everyone has heard his version of them by now. Would that he devoted as much effort to some worthy cause as he obviously does to soliciting sympathy from others over his past misfortunes.*

—Ed.

## *Test ban needed to halt arms race*

To the editor:

The United States has ignored a golden opportunity to halt the runaway arms race in declining to place a moratorium on nuclear weapons testing. The recalcitrance of the Administration has served one positive purpose, however. A heightened national and international public awareness of the need for an end to nuclear testing and a Comprehensive Test Ban (CTB) treaty has resulted.

The pressure to turn away from more and more destructive force is building. Some 75 town and city coun-

cils have passed resolutions urging an end to nuclear testing. Both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate have voted overwhelmingly for renewed U.S.-Soviet CTB negotiations. This month 24 Nobel laureats signed an appeal to the president to cease nuclear testing, and 65 prominent physicians and 165 religious leaders each signed similar appeals.

The Alaska Legislature at this moment has the opportunity to join this chorus by passing House Joint Resolution 52, Nuclear Free Arctic and

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Subarctic. Alaska's past experience with radiation exposure following nuclear testing in other parts of the world adds to the feeling of urgency to pass HJR 52. We cannot permit this danger to happen again.

Starting last August, the Soviet Union suspended nuclear testing for over eight months, while Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev made numerous appeals for the U.S. to join in that moratorium and begin negotiations or a CTB Treaty. The Reagan Administration rebuffed those offers, indicating its firm desire to continue its nuclear weapons buildup.

The American people share President Eisenhower's conviction of 30 years ago that a ban on nuclear testing would serve U.S. national security interests. It would be a concrete and easily achievable first step toward a complete halt to the arms race and deep reductions of the ever-expanding nuclear arsenals. The public outcry for a test ban has led to a growing sentiment in Congress that funding for nuclear tests must be cut of the Administration's foot dragging continues. We have only begun to hear the chorus of public opinion.

Sincerely yours,  
George Brenneman, M.D.  
President, Alaska Chapter/Physicians  
for Social Responsibility  
Anchorage

To the editor:

My letter concerns the article about the Togiak hunters. In the article you reported that "Kirty, mayor of Togiak blames Fish and Game for not explaining where the open and closed areas are and for the hunters to read maps." I agree with fish and Game about, they should know the open and closed areas. If they were told a place is closed they should know where the place is because they've been living in the area probably most of their lives and probably been hunting where they know the area. I also think the Togiak Hunters were doing their traditional ways of getting meat but if they go out killing caribou where Fish and Game are trying to raise more caribou for future hunters there isn't going to be any left for future hunters.

I come from a village and most families here depend on subsistence too, but if Fish and Game would want to help keep caribou around I'd stick with their plan. I'd stick with their plan because eskimos in villages depend on subsistence and if the hunters go killing the caribou off there won't be any for future hunters. The eskimos might not be able to depend on subsistence if all the game is killed off. In the future how will the eskimo ways of surviving survive without subsistence.

Sincerely,  
F. Gust  
Bristol Bay