

Writer Lauds ASNA Organization; Says Both Parties Would Assist

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Dear Mr. Taalak,

It is with much interest that we read of your plans and discussions for improving your political potential. Your group should be commended for realizing the necessity for all peoples in Alaska to become active politically. I personally have always advocated a person's working for the party of his choice. How else can one at present have a voice in his government?

The editorial in Feb. 25th's Tundra Times suggests that you may have more success for the present in forming a political action committee. If you take this route, you will want to let both the Republican and Democrat Parties know of your problems, interests and needs. Unfor-

tunately there has not been enough communication between the outlying areas and urban centers of the State in the past. You are responsible to your people to see that this situation is improved. If your combined groups would see that some of you attended party district and state conventions and made your wishes known, nothing but good would result. Both major political parties have publications telling you how to organize for political action if you request them.

We want to praise your group for creating political interest among your people. The whole State of Alaska is bound to be better for it. If the Republican Party of Alaska can assist you in any way, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely

/s/ Mary Elizabeth Lomen

Mrs. Alfred J. Lomen
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