

Three Eskimo Authorities

On Lower 48 Present Views

I have just returned from a visit in the lower forty-eight states. There are a number of deplorable existing situations about which we more fortunate brethren of the North must get something done.

I'd like to point out a few facts which will make you aware of the urgency of helping those poor people. I know these are facts and that they are prominent conditions everywhere, for after all I spent almost a week in one of their cities. And to add to my knowledge I talked to three Eskimo "lower forty-eight" authorities.

1. The suburbanite does now, and always has, consider large numbers of possessions, such as automobiles, fur coats (which serve no practical purpose), bedrooms (with only one wife—to speak of), dogs, cats, parakeets, and many other things too numerous to list.

2. These suburbanites have no idea how to cope with the life they are trying to lead. For instance he does not know how to manage or maintain his automobiles, nor does he care. As evidenced by the very large numbers of them discarded in the many junk yards. The existing automobiles are kept in moderate degrees of safety and serviceability largely through police inspection and a pitifully few trained mechanics who are exploiting these poor helpless beings.

3. At the present time a single automobile is often adequate to cover the needs of several families, if it is in reasonably good condition and each family eliminates its driving for frivolous reasons. One automobile in good condition is worth ten of those stacked in piles around the signs, "Used Parts for Sale."

4. The tradition of the suburbanites has always been "feast and possessions;" i.e. they feel compelled to pose as living like Royalty. Without supervision a suburbanite will spend all his paycheck toward living like the "royalty" he has come to imagine that he is, with no thought whatever of laying aside a small amount for some future emergency, depression or sickness.

Unless we can establish some control over these people, the money earned by them or donated by our government to those who are perpetually "out of work," they are sure to kill themselves off through their primitive actions on the highways. Knowing the helplessness of educating away these stone age actions with automobiles and childish compulsions to possess, we must send some of our people down there to protect these "human beings" from their cave man tactics with automobiles and eight year old tendencies to live so far beyond their means.

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