

Nooshnik Press Publishes Alaskan Dictionary

The booklet, AN ALASKAN DICTIONARY, has come on the scene recently and the author is Robert O. Bowen. It was published by Nooshnik Press, Box 4-1762, Spenard, Alaska.

According to the dictionary, NOOSHNIK is defined in the following manner:

"NOOSHNIK. An outdoor privy. A common term in the old Russian sections of Alaska such as the Kenai Peninsula."

The dictionary is a collection of words and expressions many times used in radio announcements, newspapers, books, and magazines in Alaska but are not generally known to people in the Lower States.

The following are a few examples in the contents of AN ALASKAN DICTIONARY:

"BOOMER. A man who comes to Alaska for the high wages in boom times but is without family or other commitment to Alaska itself."

"CHEECHAKO. Pronounced CHEECHAKER by OLD TIME ALASKANS. A tenderfoot, greenhorn, or other confused mortal not used to Alaska ways. An old tale has it that the term was used by natives on the Yukon during the GOLD RUSH to refer to two Chicago gold hunters who


did everything wrong. The natives took to calling any really incompetent newcomer a CHEECHAKER, that being as close to CHICAGO as they could come. See ALASKAN."

"SHAMAN. A native combination of priest, psychiatrist, financial consultant, physician, and all-around good head. Though a few shamans remain, their medicine and learning failed against TB, the GOLD FEVER, booze, the BIA, and other goodies fetched into Alaska during the last few hundred years."

"WHITESOCKS. A tiny mosquito with a terrific authority. The whitesocks is a worse pest than the NO-SEE-UM. Under the magnifying glass its white feet are visible—if anyone cares to look. See NO-SEE-UM."

Although AN ALASKAN DICTIONARY may not be necessarily accurate in some of the terms, it is a highly amusing book to read.

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The Times got many calls the following Monday after the banquet, and Cheryl Gordon, the editor's secretary, answered them. Cheryl's most-often-heard remark was, "The food was terrific!"

Somebody at the banquet hall forgot to put up the flags for the occasion. When the audience rose to Pledge Allegiance, it was discovered that there was no flag to salute. Some people in the audience were distressed and gasps could be heard.

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