

MANY PROMINENT PEOPLE AT TIMES BANQUET

(Editor's Note: Due to lack of space in our December 17 issue, we notified our readers that we would continue the story on speakers at the third anniversary banquet of the Tundra Times. The following is the continuation.)

Joe Rothstein, editor of the Anchorage Daily News, told how his newspaper had done massive research to produce a series of articles on the Alaska Native.

"Most readers were unaware that one-fourth of the civilian population of Alaska is Native," he said.

He said the paper wanted to write a series to reach tens of thousands of people.

Reporters began by visiting federal and state offices and agencies and by accumulating records and published papers.

They checked schools, hospitals, jails, etc. And then the reporters started traveling. Nunivak, Togiak, Bethel, Chevak, Nome, Kotzebue, Barrow, and Juneau, among many other places, were visited.

The series, the first part of which was published a week ago, has received much response. He said that the series may have to be reproduced in book form.

Rothstein said in the course of the research many dedicated people were encountered, but he added,

"We have encountered a great blind spot in the American conscience. . . . We cannot help but believe that the system that treats the Natives separately as if his goals and desires were not the same as any man's is wrong."

Big Impact

"I remember a dinner here about two months ago where people gathered to break bread with the governor and it cost \$100 a plate. Here you are getting this fine meal for only \$5 a plate. I think that's a big impact against inflation."

Anchorage Attorney Wendell Kay indicated that the Tundra Times had offered a "voice to a previously voiceless people" and stated

that the Tundra Times, as any newspaper, mirrored the people it served.

A Major Change

"It is my hope that as the years roll by—and not too many of them, either, the Tundra Times will reflect a major change in these people."

Kay emphasized that a multitude of plans and programs designed to aid the Native peoples have been uniformly lacking in one ingredient. They have lacked the Native people!

"Until these people put themselves into programs, there will be no success. We can give money, aid, and a million other things, but only a bit of self—the one item that cannot be given—will ever assure success. It is this which might be generated by this paper."

Ralph Perdue, chairman of the State Economic Opportunity committee for areas outside cities, indicated much needed to be done in the way of better living conditions, housing, sanitation, etc.

At the top of the newspaper's list of recommendations to be printed at the conclusion of the series will be a suggestion for a Presidential Commission, headed by a prominent American, to come to Alaska to review the situation of the Alaska Natives and recommend changes for their betterment.

Anchorage newswoman, Genie Chance, who received honors for her work in reporting the March, 1964 earthquake, said she felt the Tundra Times had performed a great service and predicted a great future for it.

"The Tundra Times benefits us all by making it possible for us to see and solve our problems together," she said.

Chief Albert Kaloo, Jr., of

the oil-rich village of Tyonek, expressed appreciation for the Tundra Times in its first three years and expressed the hope it will prosper in its new endeavor.

Rev. David Salmon, Athabaskan Indian priest of the Episcopal church at Venetie, delivered the invocation.

In his remarks before the invocation, Rev. Salmon told the audience in a deep, resonant voice that it was his wish that the Native people would learn many of the ways of the non-Natives.



STATE LEGISLATORS—Speaker of the House, Mike Gravel, left, and Rep. Bruce Kendall, former Speaker of the House, are listening intently at the Tundra Times banquet December 11. They seem to be waiting

expectantly for humorous remarks that ran rampant throughout the evening. Both men are from Anchorage and they came with their wives to attend the banquet.

—Photo by Terry Brady



THREE POTENTIAL OPPONENTS—Three men who might vie against one another for Governor of Alaska in the 1966 election year, are bunched together at the recent Tundra Times third anniversary banquet in Fairbanks. Wendell Kay and Governor William A. Egan, second and third from left, respectively, are laughing hard at the remarks of Mike Stepovich, former Governor of Alaska, who has not as yet announced any

gubernatorial intentions. The entire evening turned out to be a happy and humorous occasion. From left to right: Genie Chance, Anchorage newswoman, Wendell Kay, Gov. Egan, Joe Rothstein, editor of Anchorage Daily News, Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett, Howard Rock, partly hidden, editor of Tundra Times, Chief Albert S. Kaloo of Tyonek, and Ralph Perdue, chairman of the Tanana Chiefs.

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