

House Divided Cannot Stand

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Dear Howard,

In the July 17th issue of the voice of our people; the Tundra Times, you printed a letter entitled "HOUSE DEVIDED CAN NOT STAND" by Lonnie Thomas. I agree with Lonnie that we Natives had better stick together and settle our differences. Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts can work toward the same goals as already proven by the Corporation Leaders we have elected. We must remember also that we belong; and are part of a Great Nation called the United States of America.

With the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act many of us found a identity new to our way of life. That new identity has also made us aware of our political responsibility to each other. We are, our brothers keeper. That responsibility goes further and extends to our Nation as a whole. As recent events have shown; our Senators and Congressmen do represent our STATE in Washington D. C. We are more than Eskimos, Indians and Aleuts; and remember we are CITIZENS of the UNITED STATES first. To protect the rights of every citizen, is in itself protecting native rights. It makes no difference if you are Aleut and Republican, Indian and Democrat, or Eskimo and Independent; VOTE!

Being in prison and losing the right to vote has made me realize the importance of that sacred right. In the last National Election I, along with many others

seen people elected we didn't like or trust. The difference was, we couldn't vote You can. Thank you, Howard, for the awareness you've given our people. Best wishes to you and your staff. Before I close let me add that the Tundra Times is going as far south as South Pasadena, Fla. I needed a gift for a friend and couldn't think of anything better to send than the Tundra Times. A person who has done much for our people, Mrs. Ruth Vaughn is the recipient.

Sincerely,

John L. Lombard