

Letters from Here and There

Sleeping Bag Co. Manager Replies

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter is in reply to a letter published several weeks ago in the *Tundra Times*. Two villagers from Togiak, Alaska have had delays in merchandise from the Alaska Sleeping Bag Co., according to the teacher who wrote to the *Tundra Times*, last-ing close to a year.)

Alaska Sleeping Bag Co.
13150 S.W. Dawson Way
Beaverton, Oregon 97005
March 31, 1971

Dear Mr. Rock:

An article in your "Letters" column in the March 17, 1971 issue of *TUNDRA TIMES* has

been brought to our attention.. Jim Baenen, Principal-Teacher of Twin Hills School in Togiak, writes that shipments were delayed on merchandise which two villagers ordered by mail from Alaska Sleeping Bag Company.

We are writing Mr. Baenen to obtain the names and addresses of these villagers so an investigation of their orders can be made.

Because of our volume of mail order sales increasing tremendously, an electronic computer system was installed by us last fall to facilitate processing of orders. Regrettably many unanticipated problems developed in programming the computer, resulting in delays in order processing.

Coupled with this was inability to anticipate the phenomenal growth of our mail order business during the fall and winter. What were judged to be ample stocks of merchandise were ordered from suppliers, but these proved to be inadequate to meet customer requirements. Since many of our products are specially made for us there have been understandable delays in obtaining additional special fabrics and other materials for the manufacture of additional merchandise.

Fortunately, both of these problems are being resolved.

Alaska Sleeping Bag Company has been in business for 40 years, and we are proud of the fact that large numbers of Alaskans (as well as outdoorsmen in all parts of the world) have relied upon us throughout this time for clothing and sleeping bags. It has always been our policy to provide superior quality products and complete customer satisfaction.

We regret that circumstances caused inconvenience to the villagers of Togiak as described in Mr. Baenen's letter, and will take whatever action is necessary to provide complete satisfaction to these customers.

Very truly yours,
M. S. Ando
Manager - Purchasing

Letter to Egan

P.O. Box 1572
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March 5, 1971

The Honorable Governor
William Egan
Pouch A
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Governor Egan:

We are writing to protest the budget cut in the Department of Health and Welfare, and specifically those services to people as reflected in Mental Health, Public Health, Public Welfare, and Corrections. Budgets are already inadequate and cutting such services will further deprive those Alaskans who are experiencing the greatest difficulty in maintaining themselves in our economy.

As social workers we see our clients' desperate situations, and therefore we feel compelled to state our dissatisfaction with these proposed department cuts. We request that funding be continued at least at the current fiscal year level.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Margaret Wolfe
Secretary
Anchorage Social Service Assn.

CC: Lowell Thomas, Jr., Chairman Senate Health, Welfare, Education.

John Butrovich, Chairman Senate Finance.

Genie Chance, Chairman House Health, Welfare and Education.

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Gene Guess

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Earl Hillstrand

Richard L. McVeigh

William Moran

Mike Rose

Joshua Wright, M.D.

Dr. McGinnis

Region X, Richard Grant

Anchorage Daily News

Anchorage Times

Juneau Empire

Fairbanks News-Miner

Nome Nugget

Ketchikan Daily News

Tundra Times

Alaska Native Welcome Center

Alaska Federation of Natives

Cook Inlet Native Association

Alaska Native Brotherhood

Urban Natives United

Aleut League

Arctic Native Association

Tlingit-Haida Association

Greater Anchorage Area Comm.

Action Agency

Rural Comm. Action Agency

NAACP

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