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Letters from Here and There

NWT Groups Back Alaska Pipeline

Fort Wrigley, NWT
March 15, 1974

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Following sent to:
Mr. W.A. Egan
Governor State of Alaska
Mackay Bldg.
Anchorage, Alaska USA

Dear Sir:

We have been hearing on the radio that the State of Alaska wants the gas pipeline built across Alaska rather than down the McKenzie Valley.

As the representatives of our committee, Fort Good Hope and Fort Wrigley NWT, we would like to publicly state our support for the building of the pipeline through Alaska.

The United States government has acted responsibly by settling the Alaska Native's Land Claims before beginning construction of the oil pipeline.

This is not the same case in Northern Canada.

The Canadian government has not yet settled our land claims and it does not appear that they will do so before the construction of the proposed pipeline begins. We are concerned that the Native people to the NWT receive a just land settlement and that our rights are protected before any major projects such as a pipeline begin.

It will be several years before a good land claim can be negotiated. In the meantime we receive little benefits to our communities coming from the construction of a McKenzie Valley pipeline we do not want to see our way of life destroyed.

Therefore we sincerely hope that your government will be successful in securing the gas pipeline for Alaska.

Sincerely,
Charles Barnaby, Chief
Fort Good Hope Indian Band
John Louison, Chairman
Fort Good Hope Settlement Council
David Horesay, Chief
Fort Wrigley Slavey Band
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Fort Wrigley Settlement Council

First to Hold Stockholders Meeting

UNALAKLEET
NATIVE CORPORATION

Unalakleet Native Corporation
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March 13, 1974

Mr. Howard Rock
Tundra Times
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Dear Mr. Rock,

The following is for your information.

The Unalakleet Native Corporation held its first annual stockholders meeting on the 11th of March, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Covenant High School Stanton Oyomick Memorial Gymnasium. As far as we know, we

are the first village corporation in the whole state to hold such a meeting.

With a listed total of 841 stockholders to keep in mind, our Village Corporation's Interim Board began making plans for the meeting prior to the certification of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Roll last Dec. 18, 1973. A stockholders meeting was called for on Jan. 31, 1974 to nominate a slate for the nine-man board. It was decided by a motion of the board, that the nominations would be left open until the time of the annual meeting, making it possible for anyone 18 years and older and a stockholder in the Unalakleet Native Corporation to become elected to the board. Twenty-three names were chosen on that day.

Notices of the annual meeting (which, as stipulated in our By-Laws, had to be sent not less than 10 days and not more than 30 days in advance) proxy forms and a letter explaining the whole procedures, were sent out to all stockholders on the 11th of February. By the time of the meeting, over 175 stockholders had been represented by proxies, with 302 local stockholders physically represented at the meeting for a total of 477 stock-

holders voting out of a possible 841. A majority of the stockholders had been represented as required by the By-Laws.

The main purpose of the annual meeting was to elect a nine-man Board of Directors. With the new concept of cumulative voting, and a ground rule set by the Interim Board of Directors for the minimum number of votes required to get elected by an individual (which was 1/18th + 1 of the total votes cast), two rounds of elections were needed to get nine people elected. In the first round, Sheldon Ryan, (the Interim President) Clarence Towarak, Jr., (Interim Secretary), Paul Ivanoff II, Fred Katchatag, Sr., (both Interim members) Frances Degnan and Wilfred Ryan, Jr. were elected. In the second round, Isabelle Milet, Alvin Ivanoff, (both Interim members) and Agnes Baptiste were selected to round out the nine seats open. In their first meeting, the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be selected amongst themselves.

Also before the stockholders were two questions that were passed positively. The first question was whether or not the elected board should serve more

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Many Crises . . .

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grown to love it, and loving it means dedication to keep going for we believe its existence is a need for the good of the people we really care for — the Native people of Alaska. During the 12 years on the scene, we have had to stick our necks out many times and got stung in return, all for the sake of our people. When we did something worthwhile that benefitted the bush areas, the crises receded a little into the background only to reappear from new angles and haunt us anew. Worry means Tundra Times — worry that permeates and eats into a good night's sleep. In spite of the constant onslaught, we have never ceased to love the little tabloid. Its efforts, even though emanating from shaky legs, have resulted in some good for our people. The rewards from painful sources are many times sweet and satisfying. In spite of itself, Tundra Times gives this to us and at the same time keeping us somehow buoyed up for new efforts.

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH PROCLAMATION

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
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By the Mayor of the North Slope Borough

A Proclamation

As America and the many countries of this world enter its second year of peace after a decade of conflict, it is highly appropriate for us to acknowledge the debt we owe to those veterans who served in the Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia.

The untiring devotion that characterized the Armed Forces of the United States during this conflict is a tribute to the National Character and could not have been complete without the participation of our young people from the North Slope area.

Despite significant disruptions in their lives and other personal sacrifices they answered the call of their country and served with suitable distinction.

In compliance with the wishes of the United States Congress and the declaration by the President of the United States, we acknowledge our deep respect and admiration by setting aside March 29, 1974 as Vietnam Veteran's Day to remember that the honorable peace America achieved came through these great sacrifices.

Those who served, those who gave their lives, those who were disabled, and those who are still missing in Southeast Asia, and whose full accounting this country shall continue to seek, deserve the profound gratitude of all their countrymen.

For this purpose I have chosen, on behalf of all the people of the North Slope Borough, to join the rest of the Americans who are observing as the Vietnam Veteran's Day, March 29, 1974.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eben Hopson, Mayor, of the North Slope Borough respectfully urge the people within the borough all join in commemorating Friday, March 29, 1974 as Veteran's Day with suitable observance.

I request the appropriate officials of all municipalities to display the flag of the United States on all public buildings on that day, and request officials of all communities and civic organizations to give their enthusiastic support to appropriate ceremonies and observance throughout the borough.

I urge all citizens of every age to participate in the events of this day as one means of honoring those men and women who served their country faithfully and courageously during the Vietnam conflict.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy four.

Eben Hopson, Mayor
North Slope Borough

A New Column—Your Dental Health

The contents of this series of "Dental Health Talks" was originally prepared by the American Dental Association. They are made available for Tundra Times through the Public Health Education Office of the Alaska Native Health Service.

It is well known that our dental health program in Interior Alaska has not yet reached everyone needing dental services. This is especially true about the people in the rural communities. However, everyone understands how important it is to take care of our teeth which is a part of our total well-being.

No. 3 — What Is Dental Plaque?

Do you know that the word "plaque" means to your dental health? If not, you had better become familiar with it. The reason is simple. The identification and understanding of plaque ranks as one of the most important dental discoveries ever made.

Simply speaking, plaque is a sticky, colorless, nearly transparent bacterial film which continuously forms on your teeth. If tooth decay and gum disease were compared to the old-time melodrama, then the role of the villain would have to be given to plaque. Bacteria thrive in the sticky film that builds up constantly on teeth and gums.

It follows then that to control the disease you must control the bacterial plaque.

Is it any wonder then why dentists place so much emphasis on controlling plaque, why they have developed new methods for detecting it and why dental researchers are busily exploring ways of preventing plaque building in the hope of stopping cavities and gum diseases.

Most people know by now that their mouths contain millions, even billions of bacteria. This is natural.

There are many different kinds of bacteria, and many of them are helpful and needed for bodily functions. But scientists recently identified the streptococci family of bacteria as probably playing a major role in tooth decay.

The proper control of the plaque in which these harmful bacteria thrive is not accidental, it must be learned. Usual or con-

ventional brushing techniques are not too effective against plaque. Neither does periodic professional cleaning in the dentist's office hold the answer since the plaque re-forms the very next day.

The only person who can remove plaque thoroughly on a daily basis is you. It requires the teamwork of you and your dentist to keep your mouth free from disease.

The responsibilities of the patient were spelled out recently at a conference of general dentists, dental specialists, health educators and research workers at the American Dental Association headquarters. They said:

To help prevent dental decay and gum disease, bacterial plaque should be removed from all tooth surfaces a minimum of once a day. To do this thoroughly, use of dental floss and a toothbrush are necessary. For some people, more frequent plaque removal may be recommended by their dentist. Children and decay-prone adults should regularly use a fluoride toothpaste in addition to drinking fluoridated water. The intake of sweets, particularly sweet snacks, should be avoided.

The specific techniques of controlling bacterial plaque deserve greater examination. In the next several columns we will look at the newer methods of keeping your teeth clean and decreasing your risk of getting cavities and gum diseases.

(Next article: "Plaque and Tooth Decay")