

"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire



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Editorial—
A Good Beginning

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Gov. William Egan and his Attorney General John Havelock and other members of the state government held a meeting last weekend on the matter of the native land claims. The meeting was a cordial one. Although not conclusive, it broke the ice in a most satisfying manner between the state and the AFN giving great many people a hopeful feeling that the two entities will be able to work harmoniously toward the resolution of the claims.

We should also caution here that the relationship may not always be peaches and cream style because of the complexity and gravity of the problem but we are heartened that a good beginning has been made paving the way for work in a reasoned manner so the state and the AFN will be able to present a unified front before the Congress. This will have to be done soon because time is very short until Congress sets to work on the land claims legislation early in 1971.

A good working relationship is now well established. That in itself is a major achievement, something the AFN never had during the Miller administration. It is comforting indeed that it now exists. It should be a basis for productive work that can benefit all Alaskans. We also hope the good relationship will continue to exist far into the future so it can be an influence in the handling of the land claims awards to help benefit all of Alaska.

Editorial—
Cultural Christmas

The ancient village of Point Hope in the far northwestern corner of the state will celebrate Christmas for an entire week starting on Christmas day. Feast of traditional whale muktuk and meat along with caribou and other meats will be served in ample quantities. Church services will be held that day. And beginning in the evening, the men of the village will congregate in the village hall and begin their ancient games of contests of brawn and skill. Many of these games will be painful tests of endurance. Along with dogteam races, the games will last till the New Year's Day.

The games are traditional dating back great many generations. Point Hope celebrates the holidays enriching them with their cultural heritage.

Writer Protests Film Production

(Editor's Note: The following letter was written in response to an item published in Hank Grant's 'Rambling Reporter' column in the December 7, 1970 issue of the *Hollywood Reporter*. The news item gives the latest details in casting for the proposed picture, "Nigger Charley" in which the Negro hero reportedly saves a town by singlehandedly wiping out a band of attacking Indians.)

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Editor
"The Tundra Times"
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:
Filmmakers don't need guns to destroy the Native Americans; All that's needed, is to make them look inferior on the screen. A case in point, is a movie

now in the works, called "Nigger Charlie", in which a Negro singlehandedly kills a band of native-Americans, just to make him appear heroic.

Indians, and non-Indian sympathizers everywhere, should immediately protest this latest assault on the dignity of our people; Otherwise the poison of racial hatred will continue to spread unchecked.

As all Indians know, very few Indians are given a chance in the world of motion pictures and television, and we must protect ourselves from those who would portray us in an inferior light, in any manner.

Write today, to:
Mr. Charlton Heston, President;
SCREEN ACTOR'S GUILD
7750 W. Sunset,
Los Angeles, Calif. 90046.
The more letters of protest, the greater our demand for equality.

With Best Regards,
Alvin Manook.

WICHE Student Exchange Program Helps to Educate 22 Young People

COLLEGE—Alaska is helping 22 young people get an education in medically-related fields this year under a student exchange program sponsored by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). It represents the 13 Western States.

Annual reports received by Dr. William R. Wood, president of the University of Alaska, compiled by staff members of the commission, note that Alaska is spending \$53,400 during the year to cover supplemental fees for its exchange students.

These students represent communities from Juneau and Auke Bay north to Fairbanks and Moose Trail, along with Aleknagik in the Bristol Bay area.

Anchorage leads in numbers, with 10 students. Enrolled in medicine are Robert D. Wimmer at the University of Arizona, William H. Ragle at the University

of Colorado, Ronald C. Dobson and Wandal W. Winn at the University of New Mexico, Alex Kutas at the University of Oregon, and Robert W. Baird, Jr. at the University of Washington.

Anchorage dental students are William R. Sedwick and Brian L. Daniel at the University of Washington. Kenneth A. Hill of Anchorage is a veterinary medicine student at Colorado State University and John C. Mues is at Pacific University College of Optometry.

The five Fairbanks enrollees are:

In medicine—Craig S. Schmidt, David R. Grube and Kenneth C. Haycraft, medical students at the University of Oregon; Bonita L. Marsh, studying dental hygiene at Rangely College, and Dennis A. Swamer, an optometry student at Pacific University.

Juneau is represented by Loren H. Adkins, a medical student at the University of Washington, and Wayne H. Matheny and Timothy B. McLaughlin, both at Pacific University College of Optometry.

Roger L. Stagg of Ketchikan and Ernest L. Ford of Aleknagik are studying medicine at Loma Linda University; Joanne Wallington of Auke Bay is a medical student at the University of California, San Francisco, and C. Kukeminier of Moose Trail is pursuing a medical course at the University of Colorado.

The WICHE reports said that the program had enrolled 705 students, with a total of \$1,631, 203 to be paid by the 13 states to the cooperating western schools in support fees.

Another WICHE program in which Alaskans are involved concerns internships for resources development.

Miss Linda Farmer, a student at the University of Alaska's main campus, Mrs. Elsie Nuipok of University of Alaska at Anchorage and Miss Kay K. Koweluk of Trinity College spent last summer as interns with the Community Enterprise Development Corporation based at Anchorage. All are residents of Anchorage.

The Corporation, which provides financial support, technical assistance and personnel training for community-owned businesses, was asked to determine the economic feasibility of a timber cooperative for the middle Yukon and Upper Kuskokwim River Valley area.

The task was assigned to Miss Koweluk, who worked with the Bureau of Land Management, the State Forestry Department and other agencies on the study.

Judy Brady, the corporation's training coordinator, reported that the final recommendation had not been received.

Miss Farmer reviewed types of mediums in which Alaskan Natives might work—weaving, pottery and other art forms—and the amount that should be spent for equipment, as well as where training should come from and its cost.

Mrs. Nuipok spent her internship compiling a catalogue of wholesale items and prices, mostly from wholesalers in Alaska and the Western United States.

"She wrote to wholesalers, got a list of lines carried, credit terms and so on," Miss Brady related. "This will be helpful to our store managers in Alaska. If one of them wants a shipment of lanterns he can see

at once the kinds available and their cost."

The internship program, in its second year, was pronounced successful. The corporation, started in September, 1968, has provided substantial help so far in setting up about 30 community-owned enterprises.

Only one started so far is non-existent. The internships are financed by the Economic Development Administration and the Fleischmann Foundation.

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education administers a Western Regional Education Compact, an agreement to work cooperatively in improving educational programs and facilities.

Its program activities were begun in 1953. An appropriation of \$15,000 a year from each member state finances the general WICHE activities.

During the past year its office of Special Higher Education Programs has been developing an interstate exchange agreement for community college students in the West. State directors for community colleges had sessions in Honolulu in the Spring to discuss initiating such programs.

Other proposals under study include a cooperative method of recruitment and exchange of students in undergraduate mineral engineering programs.

Alaska's commissioners to WICHE are Dr. Wood, Mrs. Alfred J. Lomen of Fairbanks and Dr. Dorothy DeBoer, principal of Glacier Valley Elementary School at Juneau.

Uniformity Of Treatment

The House has passed a bill providing for uniform and equitable treatment of persons displaced from their homes or businesses by federal or federally assisted projects, Alaska's Senator Ted Stevens announced recently. The bill, which Stevens is co-sponsoring, passed the Senate earlier this year.

"Federally assisted projects, such as highways, displace Alaskans every year," Stevens said "This measure will assure that these people receive the help they need to successfully relocate themselves and their businesses."

The legislation resulted from a study conducted by the Congress which showed that inequities and hardships were inflicted on hundreds of thousands of families, businessmen and farmers all over the country as a result of federal or federally assisted projects.

"This legislation will provide the necessary co-ordination and guidelines to assure that displaced families and businesses get the assistance they need to continue in their new locations," Stevens said.

Certain minor differences between the House and Senate versions of the measure must be ironed out before it is finally approved.

Technician Course To Be Offered

A 26 week laboratory technician course will be offered under the Work Experience Program beginning January 18.

Interested Native persons eligible for BIA General Assistance may call 452-1245, Ext. 25.

Letters from Here and There

Editor of Tundra Times
Fairbanks, Alaska

Sir:

I have been a U.S. citizen and visited your country now and then. Longest time was in Alaska in a not very warm-hearted town called Anchorage! I had to leave with my four sons because of the 'delicate' kindness expressed to us there. I didn't think giving one's life was included in the greeting extended me by "The Welcome Wagon" lady who visited me on arrival in Anchorage. I am fascinated to read about "human rights" for some and not for others.

I am very much interested to read how you and your tribes will win your claim to Alaskan land. I know the Russians had no legal claim to it to start with, sold it illegally to the U.S.A. which makes me wonder how they can legally make any deal with anyone but with the Creator Himself. And judging from the big "mess" they made on the Continent, I doubt very much He is willing to make any deal!

If you are going by the Right of the First Settlers to own the land by filing claims, all of it belongs by that right to your tribes and the Eskimo tribes and the others are trespassers!

Apart from people's rights on Earth, the One, BY whose WILL everything and everyone exists and lives is still Owner of this Planet—Earth.

I felt sorry for the tribal Indians, they don't deserve the raw deal they got, as you have wisdom. And to let true wisdom get lost in a sea of deceitful wisdom, is a great pity!

I lost my home on the equator although I received the heavenly right to call that home my own. I have been traveling across the world ever since, never belonging, not because I didn't want to.

I wish you good luck, and I hope you won't turn out to be just another downright selfish bunch of people out for their own gain!

Chin up, if you fight for something that means right and good, you will win.

Regards from a homeless family.

Mrs. J.M. Rosbach
December 1, 1970