

Letters from Here and There

It's Pretty Cold At Cold Foot

Cold Foot, Alaska
December 3, 1974

Dear Friend Howard Rock the
Tundra Times Editor:

Well its pretty cold up here
Howard. I signed up to stay till
Dec. 15, but its getting pretty
cold.

They're are lot of Natives here
from different Villages all over
Alaska. But they are leaving one
by one for Christmas. For me I
have nothing home. You can't
even buy a stick of wood or any
kind of fuel to keep warm. You
have to haul your own wood.

I don't know what I'm paying
taxes for. We have no roads to
haul wood. We don't even get
money to cut trails for sno-gos, or
stake the trails like long time ago.
The Iditarod Racers don't even
know which way to go. Some go
the long way and some short way
or miss the Trail.

We don't have telephone yet
or running water. Of course,
thats our fault. We didn't want
to move to the new site.

I like to die in my mother's
old house. I don't like to live
modern. I was raise poor and I
still want to be poor.

Well I hope the new Governor,
and Sackett read this and wake
up and do something, or at least
try. They spend a lot of money
traveling around, maybe they
might spend some for old Nulato,
the Republican Town.

Well I don't know what I'm
writing this letter for, for the Nu-
lato People. I have everything I
want here on the Slope, four or
five steaks a week and everything,
and anything you want to eat,
and the best hotel, because its
free. Only thing nothing to do in
the evening, no place to spend
money. No women to talk to.
However, they're are two or
three here, but they don't even
say Hello to me, they're too
many people here and they can't
say Hello to every one.

Today is Tuesday and I have
not seen the Tundra Times. I
I think it goes to Nulato. Well
at least someone is reading it. We
get the News Miner free here,
All Alaska Weekly also.

So hope to see you soon, best
regards to all, also the Governor,
and see what he's going to do for
the Poor People with all that tax
money. That's almost 500 dol-
lars a week they steal from my
checks.

Fred Stickman, Sr.

TT Is One Hell Of a Paper

Tundra Times
Box 1287
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Dear Mr. Rock & Co.

I didn't want my subscrip-
tion to lapse but a death in the
family intervened and I wanted
to write a fan letter with my
renewal. The Tundra Times gives
me the feeling of being a part of
your problems and joys. I be-
lieve it is important for us to
think of One World and your
paper helps me to know our
choices are all human choices
I particularly like Howard Rock's
articles on Arctic Survival. Since
I'm not a member of a corpora-
tion, I have to learn second
hand. The Tundra Times is one

hell of a paper. I would rather
read it than any Chicago paper.
Please continue to send it for
another year. My children gave
me the first subscription because
they knew I always wanted to go
to Alaska. If I get there, I'll be
knocking on your door.

Yours truly,
Rose Conrad
6328 W. Roscoe
Chicago, Ill. 60634

Beginning to Understand Cause Of Birth Defects

The National Foundation
March of Dimes
George P. Voss
Vice President for Public Rela-
tions
November 13, 1974

Dear Editor:

We at The National Founda-
tion-March of Dimes are begin-
ning to understand more and
more about the causes of birth
defects and are making tremen-
dous strides in diagnosis, treat-
ment, and, in some cases, pre-
vention. Many birth defects
which once caused grave damage
to babies are now preventable.
It is our hope that eventually
many more can be prevented en-
tirely.

January is the beginning of
our 17th year of battle against
birth defects through support of
research and medical services. In
the past, the press has been a vi-
tal agent in keeping the public
concerned about the problem
and informed of advances. We
hope that you will again find use
for the enclosed public service

materials to insure continued
success of our campaign. It is a
success that millions of Ameri-
cans rely on each year.

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Thank you again for your
generous allotment of space.

Sincerely,
George P. Voss

Writer Disagrees With Ronald Brower

c/o Alaska Methodist
University
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

Editorial Letter
Tundra Times
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In reference to Ronald H.
Brower's "28 Proposals Not
Easy to Read." In the Nov. 27
1974 TT Editorial letter we
agree that the proposals are writ-
ten in a very complex way. This
is one way the Govt. manipu-
lates. We strongly disagree with
his statement; "Simply since
Alaska Natives are not capable
of making decisions themselves.
We should therefore make poli-
cies, guidelines, and regulations
for them to follow." Who are
We? I gather from his statement
that we fellow Natives are im-
mature; and therefore, need a
guardian whom we assume is

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Selawik Has 19-Day Outage Of Power

December 5, 1974
Selawik, Alaska

Dear Howard Rock:

We had a 19 day outage and the construction crews of the Selawik High School left because of the power. They had no power, so they can't work. AVEC has not hooked up the bigger generator and the generator is just sitting there, just as a \$2½ million building is sitting there, not finished (school and the villagers).

Really want the gym to have activities.

The building won't be done till the big generator is hooked up and the construction men will have only about 2 or 3 weeks to out our High School.

We are double shifting and really need the building, AVEC will have to hook up the big generator fast or it will be almost spring before it can be finished.

AVEC has to hurry to help us. We need the gym and the other parts to be finished.

Could you please help us get the AVEC here quickly and hook up the big generator.

Thank you very much,

Sincerely yours,
James Foxglove
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