

"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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Other Voices— Three Separate Groups

An old bit of philosophical whimsey divides people into three separate groups. Those who make things happen, those who watch things happening, and those who don't know what happened.

Unfortunately, not everyone can qualify into the first group. But there is no valid reason for anyone allowing themselves the blissful ignorance of the last.

Even though the population is increasing at an unprecedented pace, the individual is feeling more cause and effect than ever before.

Rapid transportation and communication bring the problems of the world right to your doorstep, and you can no longer pull the covers over your head and hide from the dark.

Every day, every individual is willingly or unwillingly affected by the actions of others. The smart ones are our "make things happen" friends. They are getting themselves involved.

One way to do this of course is to run for public office, but that is not for everyone. Personal involvement is the answer.

Personal involvement at all levels. Locally, there are many small groups and committees who decide much of your future. The Fish and Game Advisory Board, the School Board, Planning and Zoning and others for example.

If you have interest in any of those areas, do something about it. In many cases, an expressed desire to participate is the only real qualification to serve. If you can't get on the committee or board of your choice, then get to know those who are on it and express your feelings to them. A telephone call, or a short letter can do much to exert your influence into those matters that will affect you.

And if you don't get involved, and don't know what happened, don't complain!

— D.G.A.

SCIENCE AND CANCER

Free copies of a new edition of Science and Cancer, explaining the nature of neoplastic disease and the efforts of science and medicine to control it, are available from the HEW National Cancer Institute.

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Dr. Shimkin served in the U.S. Public Health Service from 1938 to 1963. He was professor of Medicine at Temple University of Medicine for six years and is

now Professor of Community Medicine and Oncology at the University of California at San Diego.

From 1955 to 1960 he was Scientific Editor of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, and from 1964 to 1969 was Editor of Cancer Research.

Single copies of Science and Cancer may be obtained free of charge from the Office of Cancer Communications, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

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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 Nulato 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 dollars 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 subscription 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 believe 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 corporation, 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 Relations
November 13, 1974

Dear Editor:

We at The National Foundation-March of Dimes are beginning to understand more and more about the causes of birth defects and are making tremendous strides in diagnosis, treatment, and, in some cases, prevention. Many birth defects which once caused grave damage to babies are now preventable. It is our hope that eventually many more can be prevented entirely.

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 vital 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 Americans rely on each year.

The reproduction proofs enclosed are for offset use. Glossies, and 65-screen mats also are available if, needed. Please use the postpaid return order card to send in your request, and contact us if there are any difficulties in reproduction.

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 written in a very complex way. This is one way the Govt. manipulates. We strongly disagree with his statement; "Simply since Alaska Natives are not capable of making decisions themselves. We should therefore make policies, guidelines, and regulations for them to follow." Who are We? I gather from his statement that we fellow Natives are immature; and therefore, need a guardian whom we assume is

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