

Letters to Editor from Here, There

Dear Editor:

The Sept. 23 edition of the Tundra Times carries a story about the City of Point Hope donating over \$500 to the ASCAP fund. In the text of this article, there are several persons erroneously mentioned as having donated a sizeable portion of this money. Although several of these individuals did give generously, their names were mentioned solely because they appeared on the checks sent to ASCAP. These checks, previously cashed and at that time in the Native Store, were substituted for the cash to avoid the possibility of theft or loss in the mails.

In my letter which accompanied these properly ASCAP-endorsed checks was a brief list of those parties responsible for the donation. These included the Point Hope City Council, Health Committee, PTA, Episcopal Church, Assembly of God Church with the largest portion of these funds coming from the individual Point Hoper.

I trust that this will clarify the matter, and some mention of this clarification can be made in print.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Kenneth Pletter,
City Clerk

Dear Sir:

All the sixty newspapers were sold again. Enclosed is a check for \$6.00. We had a big wind today, about 50 or 60 miles a hour. Couple houses sank down to the bay and many trees fell down. We

didn't have school this afternoon because we didn't have electricity in town. We didn't have water at our house so we had to boil rain water for drinking. I love to sell newspapers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Harold James Riach
P. O. Box 603,
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Editor:

I believe it is true that with the closing of the polls Tuesday evening an era will end. No longer will any aspirant to high office take the Native vote for granted. The State-wide Native Conference revealed vividly the awareness of the Native people of Alaska as to the vital role which they play in determining any major election in the state.

With the inception of an organization comprising all of the Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts in Alaska we will be in a position to seek definite commitments from political candidates and will be in a position to see that those commitments are carried out. The name of the game as we all know is politics. Our number alone dictates the necessity of our needs being met. If we are able to take a united stand as a single people, the Native Alaskans with a capital N, our needs will be met with dispatch for we are a formidable voting bloc which cannot be ignored.

In this application of political power we will undoubtedly step on some toes, and I am quite sure that there are try-

ing times ahead for us. However I know that we are well prepared for what we do. We will silence critics with our responsibility and our compassion, for all we seek is the opportunity to participate with FULL economic and social equality with all of the rest of the people of our state.

We have much to contribute toward the development of Alaska. Our heritage is deeply imbedded in the history of our state. Our contribution will one day be made in full and its value will clearly reveal the justness of what we now set out to do.

Sincerely,
Byron I. Mallott