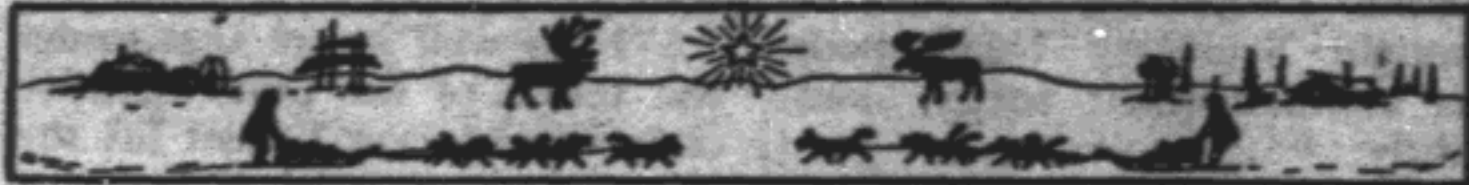


"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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Sen. Bartlett Warmly Praises Tundra Times

(Editor's Note: The following telegram to the editor of Tundra Times from Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett was inadvertently misplaced and was not read to the Tundra Times banquet audience last Saturday at the Switzerland. The staff apologizes to Sen. Bartlett for the oversight and thanks the Alaska senior senator for his kindness and generous praise he extended to the newspaper.)

Howard Rock, Care Hugh G. Gallagher
Golden Nugget Motel, Fairbanks, Alaska

Unfortunately, my doctor will not permit me to be with you at the Tundra Times banquet. Although not with you in body, I consider myself present in spirit.

The Tundra Times has earned great respect because of the fine job it does as a sounding board for opinions and ideas of the Alaska native population. The Tundra Times is a voice heard far beyond the borders of Alaska. It is an important and constructive force which contributes weekly to making Alaska greater. The State would be much the poorer without the Tundra Times. I wish I could be with you to say these words in person.

—BOB BARTLETT

AFN Nunivak Delegate Took to Task U.S. Fish and Wildlife

(Editor's Note: The following letter was submitted to the Alaska Federation of Natives last Sunday by a delegate from Nunivak Island for consideration and as a basis for request for a resolution.)

Mekoryuk
Nunivak Island, Alaska
October 6, 1968

President, AFN
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. President:

This is a letter of complaint from the people of Nunivak Island regarding our problems with the Fish and Wildlife Department, directed to the members of AFN so that we can have your help in resolving our problems.

Fish and Wildlife people told us native people of Nunivak that we were not there when they found the island; that it is necessary to get permission from Fish and Wildlife before the native people of Nunivak can use any land or make any improvements on our lands.

This is not true because our fathers, grandfathers and their fathers lived on Nunivak Island long before Fish and Wildlife ever came into existence in Alaska.

Fish and Wildlife people had also told our past village council president that if we didn't obey and follow Fish and Wildlife rules, they would see to it that our native people are moved out of and away from home island, Nunivak.

Many of our people also are working for the local reindeer service very cheap compared to employment standards.

We request support of the AFN delegation to resolve our problems in some way.

Sincerely yours,

Henry J. Shavings
Village Council President

U.S. Dept. of Labor Announces Grant

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced a grant of \$51,690 to train fifteen Alaskans as clerk-typists. The training program will be conducted at Bethel.

The Department also announced approval of a grant of \$72,091 to train fifteen unemployed workers as refrigeration mechanics at Kodiak Community College.

LETTERS to EDITOR

Mr. Howard Rock
Editor
Tundra Times
Fairbanks, Alaska
October 9, 1968

Dear Howard:

Thank you again for the invitation to your Tundra Times anniversary banquet and the great pleasure I derived from it. Many people I spoke to since agree that this was the finest banquet any of us attended in Alaska over the many years we were here. The food was superb and made available with miraculous speed.

I may be a little biased there, since the owner and chef of "Little Switzerland" is a fellow Swiss from my very hometown! But most of all, I enjoyed the cheerful atmosphere which all those warm and enthusiastic people radiated. For the first time I felt "at home" in an Alaskan crowd. There was no pretense, none of that attempt to be "society" that looks so ludicrous on a frontier.

The Eskimo and Indian masters of ceremony were a scream—fit for any TV program. Your own jolly walrus-editor was great with his introductions, and the Eskimo couple drumming and dancing deserve special applause for throwing that magic spell over everyone—even moving the spirit of mighty chief Udall to join in the dancel.

May you prosper and celebrate many more anniversaries!

Yule F. Kilcher
Homer, Alaska

The Editor
Tundra Times
Box 1287
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Sir:

"The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in times of crisis are silent." This well known quote by Dante was used by Senator Ernest Gruening when he announced his write-in campaign a few weeks ago. Because of your biased editorial about Senator Gruening and my own personal beliefs, I will heed the warning. "I shall not remain silent."

How, I ask, can one letter by one man, Clarence A. Katchatag possibly express the feelings of our native people, a "thousand fold"? Are we that vulnerable?

How can we possibly believe that a Republican will remain a Republican despite the fact that they possess a candidate like Barry Goldwater? They lost by the largest landslide in 1964 you recall and this year, 1968 they are the leading contenders for the presidency. What happened? I'll tell you what happened. The election system which "a thousand fold" of us have been accustomed to, has been disturbed. Now, after witnessing over a hundred million people in our nation "disturb" a system, how can we possibly believe that what Senator Gruening is doing is unethical and tragic?

This approaching election is one of the most crucial and I honestly urge each of you to think seriously about it. While contemplating, ask yourself: Who has the most experience, the most friends and contacts in Washington where they count, and who will do the best job? I also ask you to judge them on their personal record. Did his ideas, despite the obstacles of the moment, always center on goals attainable or unattainable? Are his yesterday's dedicated to today? Today, does he still dream of our tomorrow's?

Eleven Quakes Jolt Alaska Seismic Belt

COLLEGE — Eleven earthquakes of Richter magnitude four or greater jolted Alaska's seismic belt during September while overall activity continued the decline in frequency first during August, according to a monthly advisory issued by the University of Alaska's seismological observatory at the Geophysical Institute.

The strong shocks represent nearly a three-fold increase over August quakes of comparable magnitude.

Only 121 earthquakes were recorded and located last month in the active zone monitored by UA seismologists, which includes the Southcentral and Interior regions of the state. This represents a slight decrease from the 125 quakes which were recorded during August.

The report gave no explanation for the relative quiescence, other than noting that past records have established a normal pattern of 150 earthquakes per month with one of magnitude five or greater on the Richter scale.

The strongest earthquakes logged during September both registered 4.9 on the Richter scale.

The first shook Fairbanks on the afternoon of Sept. 1.

The second occurred a week later 50 miles south of Seward off the Kenai Peninsula.

Another quake jarred Fairbanks Sept. 16. Although it registered 4.5 on the observatory's instruments, many local residents claimed it felt stronger than the

4.9 shock logged at the first of the month.

The second Fairbanks tremor may have seemed more intense than the first, the report explained, because the 4.9 quake took place at an approximate depth of 20 miles — much deeper than normal—while the second occurred only eight miles beneath Fairbanks the depth usually associated with the Interior city's earthquakes.

September's strongest concentration of tremors again centered on the Badger Road area near Fairbanks.

The report regionalized the state's seismically active zone, breaking down the monitored region into five geographic areas, and reporting the number of earthquakes recorded in each during September.

They were: Interior, 20; Alaska Range, 32; Anchorage-Cook Inlet, 34; Kenai Peninsula-Prince William Sound, 13; and Kodiak Island region, 5.

The remainder of September's 121 tremors were isolated events, the report said, and could not be included in any of the five regional categories.

Hundreds of small tremors go unreported each month, the UA institute's report said, because many shocks occur too far from recording instruments to be plotted. A minimum of three recording stations are needed to accurately triangulate an earthquake epicenter.

Recruiting Medical Lab Assistants

Mr. James E. O'Rourke, manager of the Alaska State Employment Service office in Fairbanks, announced that recruitment is being conducted for the training of Medical Laboratory Assistants.

The fifty-two week training program to begin October 14, 1968 at Anchorage, Alaska, will provide Alaskans with skills which will enable them to qualify for employment in health service industries.

Upon completion of the program, trainees will be competent to perform in all aspects of laboratory procedures with general supervisions. It is expected that graduates of the course will be employed by hospitals, public or private laboratories, physicians or by Public Health agencies at Federal or State levels.

Mr. O'Rourke stated that persons interested in training as Medical Laboratory Assistant should contact immediately the Local Employment Office whose address is: Alaska State Employment Service, Sixth and Barnette.

As I ask myself these questions, only one man comes to mind, no matter how hard I try, and that is that the incumbent senator. . . "This old man still dreams of our tomorrows and will continue to do so."

I know that I am not alone in this line of thinking. Several standing ovations last weekend at the Alaska Federation of Natives Assembly, the Chamber of Commerce banquet, and the Tundra Times banquet have proved it so.

My line of thinking, which I suggest you take a hard look at, has a potential to a mushroom also. I hope that you will give it a chance.

Sincerely,
Gordon Jackson
Box 361
Kake, Alaska 99830

Doesn't Agree

George C. Silides, Republican candidate for the Alaska House of Representatives took issue today with Mike Gravel's comments during Saturday's State Chamber luncheon where Gravel said, "that while the Regional High School bonds were sold the same time as the bonds to improve the University of Alaska, and while the U of A improvements were under way the high school program had become stalled in 'the back rooms' of the Legislature."

"This is not true," Silides said, "and if Mr. Gravel is going to continue to take credit for every bit of the little good that came out of the 4th Legislature on the basis of his Speakership while glibly passing the buck for everything else, he should at least know how things get done."

Silides pointed out that, "in the first place, the bonds have not been sold, and that secondly the Regional High Schools up to now could not be built to function efficiently without the BIA fulfilling its commitments and implementing the program with dormitories."

The State is empowered to enter into contractual agreements with the Federal Government to assist or participate, but under the present set up we cannot work and bear the whole load without them."

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