

# Letters from Here and There

## *Fred Stickman Answers Peters*

Nulato, Alaska  
January 29, 1973

Dear Editor:

I want to answer that letter from Holy Cross, Peters, about running for the House and the Union. The reason I didn't run for representative my people here voted me out two months after they elected me Chief, and also one of the representatives started writing letter about me that I was drunk at the Potlatch where I was supposed to see him. But when I found him there he was sitting with one half dozen young girls all evening.

I had my picture taken several times with Governor Miller. I couldn't be that drunk. He didn't want me to run against him. He told me so. He's a Republican and I'm the opposite.

The union labor took me off the job twice at Fairbanks, but at Galena, and Campion, they couldn't do it although they tried awful hard—the carpenters. I was the first one on the job and last one off because I live here. They brought the union down here again this fall building the road and airport. They even brought their own cook. Lots of cooks here and operators.



**FRED STICKMAN, SR.**

"Bitching" what Peters called me. I have been working with GI's, some of them is just worse than school kids. Chichakos from outside. And I tried to help them in working manners, swearing, etc. Then they tell me I'm always bitching instead of listening to me. Just like you.

Fred Stickman, Sr

## ***Stickman Wants Nulato School***

Nulato, Alaska  
January 31, 1973

Dear Friend Howard Rock

Tundra Times Editor:

A good one too. When you get tired of my letters let me know so I'll quit for a while.

Anyway, on the first page of All Alaska Weekly, the Tanana Chiefs had a meeting at Tok. Now they are going to build schools, Northway, Telida and Galena, Alaska. Why Galena? Nulato is a big Indian village. And you talk about kids, a lot of them.

They have more teachers here, twice as many teachers, maybe four times as many, I don't know where they're going to build it at Galena. The only place I know is between the liquor store and the bar or on top of the dike. That's a good place for school kids. Also a danger of flood every so many years. That's Nature, and the Air Force base don't help for school girls.

They were going to build a high school here two years ago but the bid was too high, \$1,500,000, \$500,000 more than estimate.

Another reason I like to see it here is the school kids can help their parents after school, cut wood, haul water, feed the dogs, cook dog feed, wash dishes, cook, dump slop bucket, what else, sweep the floor — mop it.

Galena has Standard Oil for fuel. No oil stoves here, and no insulated houses. Need a lot of help to cut wood everyday.

Fred Stickman, Sr.

I don't like that word