

Letters from Here and There

Further Info on Calista Corp.

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Dear Editor:

Reference is made to a letter printed by your paper on May 15, 1974, from Charlie Kairaiuk, a shareholder of Calista Corporation. The letter was extensively concerned with the contract Calista Corporation has with Shell Oil Company. Please be advised that a letter has been sent to Mr. Kairaiuk inviting him to attend the next full Board Meeting of Calista Corporation to discuss these matters if he wishes. For the saving of space in your newspaper it is not the intent of this letter to address specifically the numerous questions which were posed in Mr. Kairaiuk's letter, but rather it will summarize Calista Corporation's position as regards its contractual relationship with Shell Oil Company.

The Calista Board recognizes the need for timely and proper land data in order that the village corporations can make selections based on all available information pertaining to their lands. It was in this context that the Calista Board negotiated with various oil companies for a period in excess of a year. The primary reason for these negotiations was to obtain valid hydrocarbon information through utilization of the exploration expertise of a major firm, with that firm providing the enormous funding required for such an extensive undertaking. After many negotiations with a large number of firms, the Calista Board elected to deal primarily with Shell Oil Company because the benefits through negotiations with this firm appeared to be the best available for shareholders of our Corporation.

Since the conclusion of the contract with Shell, the general consensus is that Calista Corporation has by far negotiated a superb agreement on behalf of its shareholders. Additionally, to the best of my knowledge, of the packages put together by regional corporations with major oil firms, Calista Corporation revealed more of the contents of its basic agreement to its shareholders, and the public at large, than any other regional corporation. For example, your publication carried a detailed front page release covering the Calista-Shell contract. The Board of Calista has particular responsibilities to its shareholders and it has seen fit to do the best possible job for all of our shareholders in whatever activity it has undertaken.

Mr. Kairaiuk's questions posed in your publication could have been asked by him directly of Calista representatives at a number of meetings held in Bethel. On Feb. 23, 1974, a meeting was held between Calista Corporation and the Association of Village Council Presidents and chairman of the village corporations for the express purpose of discussing the ramifications

of the Shell contract. Transportation and per diem for this meeting was funded through Calista Corporation. At this particular meeting Mr. Kairaiuk did ask questions regarding the arrangement between Calista and Shell but none were those which were listed in your recent publication. All those questions he did ask were answered at the meeting and, I thought, to his satisfaction.

Additionally, at an AVCP meeting held in Bethel on April 25, Mr. Kairaiuk was present and was asked questions relating to the seismic program; however, he never requested such information at that meeting that he later sought through your newspaper.

It does seem strange to me then, why he felt it necessary to ask these questions in a statewide publication when he had ample opportunity to request this type of information directly from the corporate board and staff during the aforementioned meetings while many of his fellow shareholders were in the audience who may have benefited from such discourse. Also, it is interesting to note that although his letter was published in your paper requesting answers to the Calista-Shell contract, there was never any prior attempt on Mr. Kairaiuk's part to write directly to the Corporation to receive such information. Really, it is difficult to understand Mr. Kairaiuk's motives in using the news media to gain such corporate information when more reasonable channels were available to him.

Calista Corporation appreciates the candid way that the Tundra Times handles its affairs in providing timely information to all peoples of Alaska. Please rest assured that as long as you do your excellent work, as you have done in the past, this Corporation will be one of your supporters.

Sincerely,
Raymond C. Christiansen
Chairman
Calista Corporation

**Fred Stickman
Summarizes:
Editor Lovesick**

Nulato, Alaska
June 14, 1974

Dear Editor:

Well Howard, I don't know why I call you "Dear" for I don't call anyone around here that. Anyway I wanted to tell you or everybody that this world is changing from years and years back. First of all the breakups on the Yukon were good and easy ones. The river was 10 feet lower than usual.

It's been cold and still cold all spring. First time I have to heat the house every day. Mind you, in June. Also no rain till yesterday. Two months. That's the longest in years. Few sprinkles — not enough for the rain barrels. They're dry. And another thing I've never seen before. Too cold, no mosquitoes. Too bad. Another thing is — a king salmon was caught three days ago June 11. The earliest I know of was June 19 years ago.

Well, the new school and laundry is coming along but slow work it seems like. The plumbers and electricians came here a week or so. The material finally got here. It's been at

Nenana dock all winter I guess. the freighting is slow and getting slower and slower every year. When the Alaska Railroad was freighting we ran on schedule — on time years ago. Not anymore. Everything is changing. Even Wiens is finally on schedule all winter. What happened?

And the young girls are searching the people — the passengers at the International Airport. The girls don't show any shame, different from years ago. They are even fighting for North Slope, also fighting for jobs. I guess they will do anything for money or go anywhere for money. Looks like they have no home, no babies to raise, no housekeeping. I thought that's what God made Adam and Eve for.

Few fish wheels are going up here getting ready for the salmon. No jobs here. The unions are building the school. Not enough local hire. Some came from Outside. But nobody cares. Who wants to work anyway. No rent to pay, no property tax. If you go hungry, you just go next door to eat. People is glad to feed you. The freezers are always full.

I wonder what happened last winter. I heard the toilet paper was getting short, then I started to think about years and years ago. We had no toilets, no toilet paper. We just hit for the nearest brush and use a stick instead of toilet paper. The young don't know that. So we never get stuck around here.

Well Howard, I was up there looking for you Sunday day before Memorial, and someone told me you were sick. But when I came home I saw your pictures in all the newspapers with all smiles. Then I thought to myself, what sickness, oh maybe love sickness for a few days.

I'll go up and see you when I get off the wagon.

Fred Stickman, Sr.

About Company You Keep

June 12, 1974

Dear Editor:

There is an old adage which states that we are known by the company we keep. Applied to youngsters in the formative years between 15 and 18, it takes on added significance.

If you are within those ages, when you are more inclined to travel around in groups than at any other age, think about the company you keep, particularly in respect to drug use.

You can tell if you are in bad company when illegal and erratic behavior becomes the norm.

The bellwether of irrational behavior is the "doper." He will do everything he can to make the consumption of pot, speed, and other drugs seem to be the norm.

When you have "friends" who go out of their way to point out the "harmlessness" of drugs, take another look at them.

The same holds true in any aspect of out-of-the-norm behavior including overindulgence of liquor, unlawful hot rodding, vandalism and so on. If you associate with "freaks" you can expect them to accept you only if you agree with what they do. To them, the abnormal is the norm.

Take stock of your friends.

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Are they really your friends,
or are they leading you down a
path from which it will be difficult
to return?

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Commissioner

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