

Comments from our readers ...

Point Hope asks Trooper

February 14, 1977

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Commission—Investigator
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The community of Point Hope has had for the past three (3) break-ins of our Village store called for assistance from the State Trooper in Kotzebue. The answer remains the same. "Deal with the North Slope Borough since your Village is in its boundary." Now, the community calls for help from Kotzebue State Trooper because the law enforcement is needed while the case is hot. Chances of airplanes coming from Barrow to Point Hope are slim compared to Kotzebue. Calling for assistance from Kotzebue State Trooper is like talking to a brick wall. Setting up boundaries for State Troopers is like barring law enforcement to come in, especially in the rural Villages.

Ill-feeling of some people is created because of the attitude of the State Trooper towards our desperate need of help. Are there certain boundary lines set up for State Troopers to serve? If they are called "State Troopers," why are there certain limitations? These people are State employees and we are taxpayers so we should be served equally. Requesting for an immediate action and reply.

Sincerely,
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cc: Tundra Times

El Paso endorsement

P. O. Box 5329
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January 28, 1977

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you in hopes that you will take a long hard look at the Gas Pipeline proposals currently being considered for construction in Alaska to supply Alaska's Prudhoe Bay gas to the Lower 48 and the State of Alaska itself.

I don't support, nor will I even consider supporting a pipeline through a foreign entry such as Canada.

I have received correspondence, plus spoke to Indians and our fellow Eskimos from Northern Canada who don't want any pipeline built across tribal lands and traditional hunting and fishing areas until their land claims is settled.

The only route that should be constructed is the one by El Paso Natural Gas.

Arctic Gas wants to cross the Northwest part of Alaska and not only disturb the land but the wildlife. I feel that animals have a life to live just like God intended and man has no right to continually deprive them of this.

I have been up the pipeline to Nugget and Wolf Pup Creek area where for years and years the caribou crossed, migrating towards Barrow, but even with

the so-called crossings the area was practically void of signs of Tu-Tu (caribou).

When the state claimed the Native hunting pressure and wolves had caused such a drastic reduction in the herds of caribou in Northwest Alaska they never took into consideration the pipeline and the animals turning to Canada.

God bless you and give you guidance in your Presidency and help you in these troubled times.

Respectfully,
John L. Heffle, Sr.
President, Association
Of Interior Eskimos

CC: Tundra Times

Veterans' benefits

Veterans Administration
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Feb. 10, 1977

Dear Editor:

Many of the former servicemen and women among your readers may be eligible for a new Federal benefit which could bring them an additional \$292 to more than \$500 per month for nine months. Because these benefits are subject to an expiration date, the Veterans Administration is making every effort to ensure that all eligible veterans are aware of them.

The significant increase in entitlement for GI Bill educational benefits was approved by

Congress late last year. The new provisions can have a total potential value in excess of \$4,500 to married veterans with large families.

Basically, the new law provides nine additional months of GI Bill eligibility to most veterans originally entitled to 36 months for VA educational assistance. Veterans who have been out of the military service for ten years are not eligible for additional benefits.

We are particularly anxious, to reach the half million men and women who have already used the full 36 months of eligibility that was the maximum entitlement prior to enactment of the legislation. They may now be entitled to an additional nine months of educational benefits.

We urge all veterans eligible under the criteria outlined above to contact the Veterans Administration for further details of the new entitlement.

Veterans in Alaska should call, visit or write the Veterans Administration Regional Office, P. O. Box 1288, Juneau, Alaska 99802, or the Veterans Administration Office, 429 D Street, Rm. 214, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Veterans living outside the Anchorage or Juneau area may call these VA offices toll-free by asking the long distance operator for ZENITH 2500.

Very truly yours,

D. A. Andrus
Director