

Times Represented At Conference

(Editor's Note: The editor of Tundra Times, Howard Rock, was invited by the Secretary of State Dean Rusk to attend the recent State Department's Foreign Policy Conference for Editors and Broadcasters at Washington, D.C. Due to pressure of work, the editor was not able to attend the conference. However, he requested that William L. Hensley of Kotzebue, a political science major at George Washington University, Wash. D.C. represent Tundra Times. In the following, Bill Hensley (an Eskimo) reports on the foreign policy conference as well as his recent activities.)

By WILLIAM L. HENSLEY

Goblins to you on this Halloween night. Your letter of the 19th was delivered to me the night before the Foreign Policy Conference. I was very pleased to hear from you and to represent the Tundra Times during those two days.

I wished it could have been possible for you to come down; it would have been good to talk with you.

Heavy Attendance

There were between six and eight hundred representatives

from the news media at the Conference. It was quite an experience for me since I am presently taking a course in U.S. foreign policy and everything discussed was quite relevant.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk was there to greet us—"Pedemales tan" and all. It was mainly a two-day conference defending and justifying our foreign policy moves around the world and trying to build a consensus throughout the country.

It appears that the draft will remain around 45,000 per month for the next year. It also appears that the West is not the only part of the world fearful of China—that the top Communist officials of other countries feel that the containment and quieting of Red China is of concern to all.

Seminars

Because of overcrowding I could not participate in the seminar on Developing Countries, so I attended the one on Latin America.

Just as a matter of information, the State Department states that "our problem is not lack of contact with Peiping." We have just completed our 127th discussion with them, in Warsaw I think.

Red China states that there is nothing we can really talk about unless we let go of Formosa. There is greater hopes of expanding trade with Eastern Europe—especially in technological cooperation, health, and space, to help reduce sharp edges of the Cold War.

The Administration further feels that Red China will not be admitted to the U.N. in the next session.

Also, through the Agency for International Development, we are putting about \$500 million into South Viet Nam in other than military assistance—mainly for economic and social emergencies.

These are just a few of the points covered in the conference.

Recent Activities

You asked about my activities. Presently I am taking two final courses before getting my bachelor's in political science. Then if everything works out, I hope to enroll in the University of Alaska for the spring term as a graduate student. So perhaps I will make it home finally.

Memorial Scholarship

After finishing the spring term last spring, I was honored by being awarded the John F. Kennedy Memorial Scholarship by the Experiment in International Living. So, I spent a most interesting and widening two months in Poland and the Soviet Union with a small group of students. In fact, it was such an excellent trip, I could not begin to tell you about it, so, I will wait until I see you in Fairbanks about the first of February.

Most of the summer was spent in Warsaw and a two-and-a-half-week tour through Poland—then a two-week trip to Len ingrad and Moscow.

We traveled mainly by train and visited East Germany and East Berlin, besides going through West Germany and spending a few days in Brussels before coming over.

Of course, I could not miss out on the World's Fair, so I put in a few days there—besides visiting Wall Street, Harlem, and Greenwich Village.

Curiosity as to what is going on in Alaska is great, but perhaps it will be possible to hang on until arriving there. Presently, my only, but persisting problem is "cabbage."

Second to that is Uncle Sam—who has been inquiring as to my whereabouts and evidently wants to use me in his far flung activities. I've written him (Nome) pleading for the continuance of my education, so I'll wait and see.

Many thanks for your letter and the opportunity to hobnob with the greats in foreign policy. (Including the "tea" period.)

Whatever further correspondence you may have will eagerly be received, digested and reacted upon.

Good luck to you and your work.