

Is another race infiltrating into Native ceremonies

To the Editor:

About a decade ago, I wrote a letter to my people through the TUNDRA TIMES. I wanted to know why it was called the Eskimo Olympics when in fact, the Aleuts and Indians of Alaska participated too. That matter has been resolved.

Another matter was brought to my attention when I attended the

Indian dances today. I found to my consternation that another race had infiltrated our time honored ceremonies. They were not North American Indians. They seem to have originated from another continent. I'm not really prejudiced toward any particular race but I was so profoundly shocked that I immediately took leave of the Pow Wow. I questioned the wisdom of writing this letter but on the other

extreme, I question what my forefathers would have done by this invasion of an ancient and time honored ceremony by aliens.

You won't find me in Africa doing the Watusi or going Native in Australia with the Aborigines there. I ask you, what happens to our originality, where will it end?

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Alaskans' right to clean air and water under attack

To the Editor:

Alaskan's right to clean air to breathe and clean water to drink is under attack. In the name of fiscal responsibility, some legislators are considering budget cuts and shifts which would reduce or remove the ability of your Department of Environmental Conservation to enforce clean air and clean water laws and regulations in Alaska.

Governor Sheffield has repeated recently his commitment to protecting and enforcing your right to clean air and water, whether you live in urban or rural Alaska. That commitment cannot be met, however, without the fun-

ding which must be provided by the legislature. Full and adequate funding in the fiscal Year 1986 Budget for DEC and ADF&G positions and programs set up to protect your air and water and the habitat essential for you, your fish and wildlife will only take place if you insist on it.

If you believe, as I do, that our quality of life depends on maintaining our clean air, water, and fish and wildlife habitat, please write your Senators, Representatives and Governor and tell them so. We can only argue about whether we should use our fish and wildlife for sport, subsistence, commercial or non-

consumptive uses if we first insist that our legislators and governor protect the air, water, vegetation and land that our fish and wildlife breed and live in.

Please write, telephone or send public opinion messages from your legislative information officers to let your legislators know that you want them to cut waste and non-essential government projects and programs and to increase air, water and habitat protection and improvement programs.

Thanks for your help.

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