

"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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Editorial—

Shocking Story At Chilocco

It is indeed shocking to learn of the alleged mistreatment of the teenage Indian students at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Chilocco School for Indians in Oklahoma. The reported beatings and the punishment of children in handcuffs suggests a middle ages approach of corrections by the officials of the school. It shows us much more. It shows us that the officials, even on the administrative level, are engrained with the dirt of discriminatory feelings against the Indian children. This was borne out by one official when he said, "Well, what can you expect, these are Indian kids."

The story as it spreads throughout Alaska's villagers is certain to bring out a variety of reactions from the villagers who have had their children sent to school at Chilocco. It may come to pass that they will be reluctant to send their children there and we don't blame them if they would so feel. Before they do send their children, the villagers may demand that a drastic change of the personnel at Chilocco take place. This in view of about 400 Alaskan youngsters go to school there each year.

The charges of mistreatment of the students have been denied by the officials at Chilocco, but not all the way. They have admitted using handcuffs on the children. We are of the opinion that the charges are more true than false. It is very likely that they had substance when it moved the highest echelon of the Bureau to look into the matter. This, in itself, is commendable of the agency to have done. It can be viewed as an effort by the BIA to clean up its own backyard.

If the Oklahoma Indian school is to receive more Alaskan youngsters in the future, we suggest that there be a sweeping change in the personnel at Chilocco. Partial changes may leave seeds for future difficulties. If changes were to be made, there should also be a good effort to upgrade the quality of the teachers to help to ensure needed quality education for the native children.

And lastly, it is indeed shameful that some native young people do get drunk during some time they attend schools. They are a shame to their parents and to their people back home. They should certainly be dealt with in a stern manner but not with cruelty. In order to steer them toward behaving, perhaps the parents of those who misbehave should be told so they may have some part in straightening out the erring youngsters. Parental reprimand does work among great many native families. Strong family ties among them tend to support this fact.

Tetlin Village Gets RDA Grant

JUNEAU—Governor Keith H. Miller's office this week announced the approval of a Rural Development Agency grant in the amount of \$5,480 to the community of Tetlin, which is located southeast of Fairbanks near the Canadian border.

The grant is to be used for the building of a community hall, a job which will be accomplished by a work crew of 17 from the local population.

Guy Okakok Pays Tribute To Editor

By GUY OKAKOK
Barrow Correspondent

One of the Tundra Times readers asked me yesterday, why my columns never appears in the Tundra Times papers anymore. Why? did you ask, I answered. It's because why I'm asking you is this.

He called me by my name, he said, "We are all Eskimos, you and I, not we alone, but throughout in Alaska. Guy, don't give up its all Inupiat papers, even, your Editor is an Eskimo,

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Eben Hopson Critical of Stevens, Pollock

April 7, 1969

Mr. Editor:
Fairbanks News Miner
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your headlines on the front page of your April 3 issue concerning local hire by Stevens could have been more fitting if you said, "Stevens and Pollock against job conference called by Sen. Gravel and Mr. Notti." Who is kidding who anyway. Who in the world is trying to break the law to get a few jobs. If those jobs aren't available now, when would they be? We recently heard an oil official at the Fairbanks conference say that as soon as the drilling is over then these jobs are gone, and at that stage only experienced and well trained men would handle the whole thing.

These gentlemen could have simply said and we agree that a training center is needed and not go nit picking on supposed legal matters. There are no legal matters involved, we are simply trying to get a few jobs for our people. Everyone else don't seem to have any trouble in getting jobs, including foreigners.

Perhaps I can pose to them a legal question which seems always to be overlooked and which the State and the Federal Government disregarded.

Are all the State selections on the North Slope actually legal? And, if it is, what is meant by the clause in the Statehood Act which says, "the State may select 105 million acres, providing it does not interfere with the Natives Rights?"

They also say that many natives are misled as to the availability of jobs in the oil industry. How they can twist these facts around to their own liking is beyond me, but knowing both the gentlemen personally I know they can twist things around if they have their way, but I also happen to know that they are now trying to mislead the people when they say that those jobs are not available.

I would suggest to the gentlemen to take a look for themselves on the North Slope and see the activity now on the flat tundra which until a year and a half ago not a soul was working.

I would also suggest to the readers of this letter that all the land for which Senate Bill 152 was introduced, or rather why Sen. bill 152 was introduced is under the blanket claim of the legislature for consideration, until the native land claims are settled by the Congress.

Sincerely,
/s/Eben Hopson

Monaghan Clarifies The ANICA Bylaws

(Editor's Note: The following is the clarification of some of the bylaws of the Alaska Native Industries Cooperative Association (ANICA) by Leonard Monaghan for the benefit of the ANICA directors in 33 villages.)

NOTE: Article 12, p. 4

"Approval of the Secretary shall not be required after the Association and members have repaid their indebtedness to the U.S. in full."

1. Power of Secretary of the Interior:

- (a) Amendments require his final approval
- (b) Form of organization must be acceptable to him
- (c) Dissolution not effective unless approved
- (d) At dissolution request he may take possession of the assets and exercise its powers until he believes final dissolution is advisable
- (e) New members subject to approval of the Secretary of the Interior
- (f) Loans for operating capital from sources other than U.S. members, non-members participating.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs: (Subject to approval of)

- (a) May appoint Secretary-Treasurer in case of vacancy, until a new one is approved by the Board and the A.D.
- (b) Form of entire organization and all members

THIS ENTIRE ORGANIZATION IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BIA AREA DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. ONLY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR IS NO LONGER REQUIRED AFTER ALL DEBTS TO THE U.S. ARE PAID.

Area Director of Alaska Native Service: (Approval)

- (a) Amount of deposits by members determined by the board, subject to approval by A.D.
- (b) Adjustments to maintain deposits on equitable basis
- (c) Any refunds of deposits
- (d) Compensation of board members for performance of duties
- (e) All delegations of power by the board to an executive committee
- (f) Time and place of annual executive committee meeting. Any additional meeting subject to approval also. Meeting shall be omitted, if Area Director says the Association cannot afford it. (Call for meeting must have AD approval before it is sent to directors.)
- (g) Changing of members from one group to another
- (h) Withholding of Secretary-Treasurer
- (i) Board's choice of a qualified manager and his contract
- (j) Withholding of payment of remaining net savings to member or to increase deposits with the association
- (k) Depository for association funds.
- (l) Service charges on each activity set up by the manager if the Board doesn't approve by January 1 the A.D. submits the rates until agreement is reached.
- (m) Discontinuation of unforeseen charge.

(Bylaws and articles worded in such a way that the BIA has a stronghold on ANICA regardless of whether the association pays its debts in full.)

3. Secretary Treasurer: THE PERIOD OF TIME IS DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD.

TERMS OF OFFICE

Board of Directors: elected for terms of three years by the members. Directors elected from village. Removal of Director: 2/3 vote of other directors

Executive Committee: Three-year term; Five, Vice President; One, President. Removal: 2/3 vote of directors elected from native directors.

Secretary-Treasurer: Period of time designated by Board. Selection need not be a member of the Board. Selection subject to approval by area director. (Example: Bob Hilts—Secretary-Treasurer for 12 years also company accountant!!?)

Removal: By Commissioner of Indian Affairs

DUTIES:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. Manage business of association
2. Employ a qualified manager under a written contract, giving authority to hire other employees of association
3. Delegate their powers to the executive Committee. (They cannot delegate the power to dissolve, expel members, or remove directors.)
4. Director may be removed by 2/3 vote of other directors.
5. Board shall set time and place of meetings. (approval of AD)

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April 5, 1969 closed is a check for the 60 papers.

Dear Editor:

I've got \$12.00 of my own now! I am not going to spend my money but I'm going to save my money. Before I started selling newspapers I had only about 30 cents.

On Easter morning at 7:00 our church will have a service outside on the playground. Our church orchestra will play their instruments. I play a clarinet.

I see mosquitoes out already so summer is coming soon. En-

Sincerely,
Ernie Riach

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