

# Anderson's Mention of Tundra Times Brings Big Flood of Letters

Jack Anderson has done it again! He's brought a virtually unknown fact before the public eye and caused a reaction from all corners of the nation—this time to the benefit of the Tundra

Times.

Anderson was the keynote speaker at the 8th annual Tundra Times banquet in Fairbanks Oct. 3.

Diverting momentarily from the Capitol Hill scene in his nationally-published column, the Washington Merry-Go-Round, the writer recently advised his readers that the Tundra Times is in financial trouble. And he urged subscribers and advertisers to help out.

Since that time, mail coming into the newspaper's office has more than doubled. Some has contained orders for subscriptions and others a few words of encouragement and a donation.

Possibly the public was aroused by Anderson's description of Eskimo editor Howard Rock as "a wise old Indian," who has "a fierce belief in the dignity of all men."

Then again, maybe it was a reference to the Tundra Times as "an obscure weekly newspaper that has become the voice of Alaska's neglected natives."

Or possibly the response was due to the columnist's statement that most Eskimos, Indians and Aleuts can't afford the \$8 sub-

scription fee and thus each copy is passed around until it is "soiled and stained and tattered."

Whatever the reason, the results are worth mentioning.

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They came from Jacksonville, Fla.; Concord, Mass.; Bethesda, Maryland; Corpus Christi, Texas; Reno, Nevada; Arlington, Va.; Santa Barbara, Calif.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Raleigh, N.C.

Perhaps the best was from St. Petersburg, Fla., addressed to "An old Indian Fund," with a donation inside for "a Deserving Indian."

Others included: -A request for a subscription from "an old man-95 in 2 months" who has lived among Indians since 1884.

-A letter from a couple in Washington State wanting to know if Mr. Rock could suggest a name for their third child due in January.

-One letter with only a scrawled statement inside: "I read Jack Anderson" and 25 six-cent stamps.

-Several inclosing money for subscriptions to be sent to persons who would most benefit.

-One subscription request that added, "There are many of us in this great democracy that appreciate a newspaperman who

fights the good battle in face of tremendous odds."

-One from a small businessman in California who wrote, "I understand your position as my business is in the same condition."

The paragraphs on the Tundra Times in Anderson's column followed a story about several big businesses pouring money into the primary campaign of one of their friends, Rep. Herman Schneebeli of Pennsylvania, enabling him to secure 70 per cent of the vote.

An attorney from Berryville, Arkansas referred to the contrast between the situation and that of the Tundra Times. He enclosed money for two subscriptions: one to the oldest citizen in the district and one to some local school. "I also hope that other people will see the necessity of helping you out," he wrote, "for the simple reason that your paper is needed in those parts, and a lot of this congressional money treachery isn't."