

letters

Request Red resign

Leslie E. "Red" Swanson
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Dear Red:

After thinking over your recent statements concerning your moving to Fairbanks, and your plans to seek political office as a representative from House District 20 or a senator from District O. I have concluded that in your heart, mind and body you have deserted the people of District 19.

Please resign from your seat in the State House as the representative from District 19.

This will allow a special election to be called and someone whose heart, mind and body is in District 19, can be elected to represent the people of this district in the second session of the Tenth Alaska Legislature.

Charlie Boyd
Mile 276 Richardson Hwy.

cc: Tundra Times

Whaling ban outrageous

Thomas Richards Jr.
Editor and Publisher
Tundra Times

Dear Mr. Richards:

I may be only one little strand of hair representing the Eskimos up here in the North but I do want to put my two little cents on the whale hunt for the natives. I've been reading your paper, the Caribou News from Kotzebue and also letters from certain people that I finally got this urge to write. I, myself having a limited vocabulary, will try to write exactly how I feel in my so-called limited vocabulary so that some people like me will really understand just how I feel instead of coming across a big word and wonder what the heck it means and just let it pass without really finding out the real meaning.

Having been raised in Barrow most of my life where they hunt whales and what I've eaten having been raised eating muk-tuk, I think it's downright outrageous for the big shots at the White House to try to stop the Natives from hunting it. What do they want me and my kids to eat? Beef, I suppose, or maybe chicken which we hardly see up here in our store, and if we do get it, by the time it gets here it costs us over \$5.00 for one and that hardly is enough to

feed a family of five. If it is here to buy, where do we get enough money to buy it with? With no jobs available I tell you it's pretty hard. It's a good thing we have good neighbors that are willing to give than to receive. Natives have a thing about sharing whether the person they give is a white or black. Some whites that have passed through Point Hope can very well verify that they do share their food (native) and don't expect pay in return. They are also invited to eat and aren't starved while they stay here. Now turn around and look at it the other way. Natives go and live in white man's city, town or whatever. Are they invited to their place to eat? Are they given food? No!!!! Not unless they personally know them. They wouldn't even give a hoot whether they are starving or not. Do you call that neighborly? If they do try to stop us from hunting whales, why not cut off beef and chicken slaughtering for the whites too. My kids can't eat that stuff all the time because it's not there all the time and because they were raised eating native food and are used to eating it already. If they do stop the whale hunt, in another year or so all the native kids are going to be skin and bones and doctors will start to wonder what the heck is wrong with them. The only answer will be, due to lack of native food. You aren't going to see anymore rosy fat cheeks, only dull hollow cheeks.

What's this about trying to save the native culture? Are they doing that by cutting off the whale hunt which is one of the most prized culture to natives? Why don't they send all the big shots from the White House up here to the north and let them experience the native way of life instead of sitting in high class style and using their noggins to stop us from hunting, which they haven't even seen in their lifetime. Let them experience all the hours our men put in just trying to catch the whale. Out in the cold, some go without a wink of sleep for over 24 hours. This can be verified by some whites that have come up and actually participated in the whale hunt.

As I've said before, it is downright outrageous for them to stop the whale hunt and being an Eskimo, here is my say so on it and I do hope it's printed.

Sincerely,
Susie E. Frankson

He paid his fine

Wilda G. Hudson
Executive Director
Alaska Public Offices
Commission

Dear Ms. Hudson:

I am impressed with your persistence in pursuit of my \$3.00 fine imposed because I was late in filing my Financial Disclosure Form, due April 15, 1977. I am not, however, impressed with your inconsistent determination of fines when someone obviously breaks the law as I have done by being a weekend late because your office in the past accepted Campaign Financial Forms on Monday if it was due on Friday. I am speaking, of course, to the fact that Governor Jay Hammond clearly broke the law recently by beginning fund raising activity and spending prior to officially filing for political office. All he got was a "slap on the hand" and both you and the Attorney General's office spent at least \$1,000 in staff time and materials collecting my three-dollar fine.

I was and continue to be a strong supporter of Financial Disclosure. However, inconsistencies in a concept you believe in leave you somewhat frustrated.

I am attaching an additional \$2.00 to my fine to help defray your administrative costs. I believe it is also in line with our current Governor's philosophy that all agencies must pay their own way or be eliminated.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,
Gordon Jackson

cc: Tundra Times