

Editorial—

Considered Change

Charles J. Keim's two short stories, *The Plane* and *Tuttu*, to the right of this editorial, are timely. They bring the reader to the immediate present and point out what is going on within the area of the North Slope—the quest for the dollar and little of much else is under consideration.

In his note to the editor of this newspaper, Chuck Keim pointed out why he wrote the two stories. We think our readers should know what he had to say:

“Like most Alaskans I welcome the many changes which have taken place in the territory and state during the 15 years I have lived here. If you have read any of my articles and short stories you will find that I have tried to argue for **CONSIDERED** change, just as did my grandfather in Montana Territory and State when they were publishing the first daily newspaper in Missoula, M.T. One of the family treasures is a buckskin jacket the grateful Indians made for my great grandfather when he pointed out the need for considered change at a time the whites were stealing the Indian land and couldn't understand why the Indians didn't like it. Maybe it is this heritage, plus my part Iroquois blood, that started me pondering the developments in the Prudhoe Bay area. The catalyst for the enclosed two short-short stories was the story I read that a plane load of writers was flown to Prudhoe recently to write about what is taking place there. I wonder if they really got the story—all facets of it.

“At any rate, I wrote the enclosed two stories with the intention of having people think a bit more deeply than the dollars that lie underground. What they will or should do for the people who live above ground should be an important consideration. . . .”

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