

Letters to the Editor

ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD

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TUNDRA TIMES:

Relative to Mr. Pollock's Questionnaire, we should note the results 17.2 of which thought the native claims should not be recognized in any way.

The answer was first stated by the U.S. Supreme Court, namely, that the Indian Title (a term to describe ownership by use and occupation) was just as sacred as the plowed fields of the whites and as good as the "fee" of the whites.

Regarding those who believe the natives should be paid, they overlook the fact that there has been no "taking" yet so how can they be paid.

The 3rd point is this—the United States can do with the land anything it wishes the only change would be that it would act in one case as absolute owner and in the other as guardian of the natives' land.

Under the first manner, virtually all the land would go into the ownership of four or five big outside companies and in the second manner, the ownership would remain in Alaska and so would the dividends and other benefits.

Sincerely
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