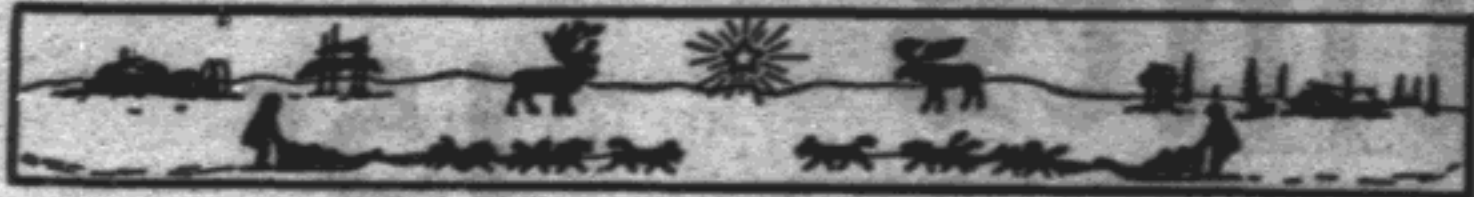


"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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## Letter of Concern

Shaktoolik, Alaska  
27 September, 1968

Honorable U.S. Senator  
Ernest Gruening

Dear Sir:

Decided to write a few lines to you this morning since I have been a 100% supporter for our Democratic Party nominees in the past and will be in the future as well.

I have supported the Party since I was old enough to vote cause I only believe the old saying, United We Stand. So why don't you just support Mr. Mike Gravel since he has defeated you on last primary election to keep our Democratic Party member's unity. And since you have asked for write-in vote don't you think that our nominee will receive less votes to win the office in which he is seeking for. So therefore I will cast my vote for Mr. Mike Gravel, like I have voted for you in the past when you win the nomination so why don't you just support him as a nominate candidate to keep our Party member's unity.

Sincerely yours,  
Clarence A. Katchatag, Sr.  
Shaktoolik, Alaska 99771

cc: Mr. Mike Gravel  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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## Chipping at the Base of a System

It is beginning to look as if the puzzling write-in candidacy of Sen. Ernest Gruening has commenced to sink in among our native people and what is beginning to emerge is something akin to the feeling that Gruening is chipping away at the base of a system long established in the traditions of our country. This is a rather tragic development and which we deplore to point out.

The above letter penned by Clarence Katchatag, Sr. of the little village of Shaktoolik probably expresses the feeling of the native people a thousand fold. He feels that an election system to which he has become accustomed is being disturbed. His letter permeates with moving urgency that what Gruening is trying to do is wrong. Katchatag wants to hold on to something that has served his country in past ages and which he thinks has served his country well.

Clarence Katchatag is talking as a Democrat. Had Gruening been a Republican and Katchatag a Republican, the principle would have been the same. An established principle is the case in point and this is what Katchatag in every village are concerned about.

Clarence Katchatag is one native person but we have reason to believe that he is not alone in his line of thinking. That line of thinking has the potential of mushrooming and the good Senator should take a hard look at it.

## Ted Stevens To Address Republicans

State Representative Ted Stevens, who was unsuccessful in his bid for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate, will address the Weekly Republican luncheon today noon at Travelers Inn.

Stevens, House majority leader in the last state legislature, was defeated for the Senate nomination by Elmer Rasmuson, while scotching any possibility of a Stevens write-in campaign.

## LETTERS to EDITOR

The Honorable Bob Bartlett  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Bartlett:

I am concerned again about the Atomic Commission setting off another nuclear blast in the Aleutian Chain this fall. What makes one wonder is the fact that sea otters are being transported to safer waters. What is the danger? Will the blast be only harmful to the sea otters and not to the people who live on the Aleutian Islands? Yes, the sea otter pelts are valuable but our hides are more valuable to us individual Aleuts, Eskimos, Danes, Norwegians, Chinese, Japanese, etc., who populate these islands. We are all Americans of course with different ancestral backgrounds.

Speaking on behalf of the people of these islands we would appreciate a letter of reassurance. A letter stating that we do not have to worry about contamination of ourselves or of our waters.

Thanking you I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Augustine Tu  
(An Aleut)

cc: Atomic Commission  
Washington D.C.

Governor Walter Hickel  
Juneau, Alaska

Tundra Times  
Fairbanks, Alaska

N.Y. Times  
New York, New York

Executive Office of  
the President  
Office of Economic  
Opportunity  
Washington, D.C.  
20506  
September 26, 1968

Dear Mr. Rock:

Thank you for your kind invitation to join you at the Tundra Times Banquet and at the annual AFN conference next month.

Although I would very much like to accept, a schedule conflict has arisen which prevents my doing so.

However, I would appreciate your expressing my best wishes to the membership and my regrets that a visit to your good state is not possible at this time. I look forward to viewing Alaska's OEO programs at some future date and to meeting with at least a portion of the membership then.

Thank you again for writing and for your gratifying support.

Sincerely,  
Bertrand M. Harding  
Acting Director

## Scouting Seen as Aid To Retain Heritage

(From BIA BULLETIN and NATIVE NEWS)

The 11th American Indian Tribal Leaders' Conference on Scouting was recently staged in Oregon. Its theme was "Indian Heritage Builds Scouting—Scouting Builds Indian Heritage."

Robert L. Bennett, Indian Affairs Commissioner and former Area Director for Alaska was the keynote speaker. He addressed the largest group of Tribal Scout leaders ever assembled. It was a great honor for one of Scouting's most dedicated Indian leaders.

Three Alaskans attended with 85 delegates from 28 Tribes. Thomas Tungwenuk, Minister and Scout Leader, Wales, Alaska, represented the Midnight Sun Council (Fairbanks). Emil Kowalczyk, Juneau Area Office and Frank Thrasher, Mt. Edgecumbe High School teacher, both active Scouters, represented the Bureau.

The central values of Scouting, in many ways, are similar to the values of our Aleut, Eskimo, and Indian people: reverence toward nature; respect for authority; concern for youth; and appreciation for the work of leaders who have gone before them.

BOYPOWER '76: Scouting is "tooling up" for a nationwide drive to increase Scout participation. The goal is to increase membership, upgrade program quality, and train more leaders. One-third of the Nation's boys will be involved by 1976. Among Indians, only four percent of the boys are now involved; the goal is ten percent by '76.

Alaska has bid to host the 13th Tribal Leaders' Conference on Scouting in 1970. Certainly our State and our Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut people can contribute significantly to the Nation's Scout program. We welcome the opportunity. We look forward to more Scout programs in our villages, towns, and cities. Scouting builds men; and men—good leaders, interested parents—build Scouting!

The keystone to growth of Scouting in all parts of Alaska is participation by men, boys, and parents—of all interests—in all walks of life.

Boy Scouts is a big program in Alaska. It can be bigger. Nearly half of the locations where the Bureau supports a school have active Scout programs.

Other Native communities do not have Scout troops. Scouting starts with boys. It gives them an advantage that other boys do not have. The boys in your village today are your community leaders of tomorrow.

Interested adult leaders are needed today to foster Scout programs for your sons. I urge all of you to help in providing this leadership.

CHARLES A. RICHMOND  
Area Director

## Jackson Lauds Aviation Division For Quick Terminal Construction

Barry Jackson, Democratic candidate for state representative, commended the State Division of Aviation for its recognition of the need for quick construction of the new terminal at Fairbanks International Airport.

In remarks delivered at the Democratic Luncheon Club today, Jackson gave approval to the Republican administration's plan to begin construction in May of a two-story terminal and urged that completion be scheduled for December 1969, and in any event prior to the 1970 tourist season.

Jackson said, "I have asked the Director, Harry Wakefield, to make single season construction a design requirement, and he is considering this, although he is concerned that a crash program might be too expensive. Also, Mr. Wakefield has suggested making an early completion date an alternate on the bid."

Jackson said that the tentative time-table, assuming President Johnson approves a Fairbanks Great Circle Route for Pan American, calls for immediate selection of architects, advertisement of the project in early spring, a bid award and sale of revenue bonds in early May, and groundbreaking before the end of May, 1969.

Jackson added, "I have urged as have others, that the architects maintain close liaison with the airlines and other users during all stages of the design. We must have a building that is relatively inexpensive, economical to operate and maintain, which can be expanded after, and which meets the needs of the airlines and users."

"The Division of Aviation recognizes this need for liaison,

so I am hopeful we may be able to avoid designing mistakes into the plans."

"President Johnson," Jackson continues, "is expected to announce the Trans-Pacific Route Case decision either during the next thirty days or, as is more likely, in early January. Pan American has prepared its schedules and will be able to begin service soon after the case is decided. We must be prepared to handle the flights this winter."

"Our prospects," concluded Jackson, "look very good, as in 1960. I hope we will not again be disappointed, as we were when President Eisenhower disapproved Pan American award in January 1961 upon leaving office."

## Savings Bond Sale Makes Increase

U.S. Savings Bonds sales for August amounted to \$471,848, according to a report made here today by Volunteer Fairbanks U.S. Savings Bonds Chairman Bernie Carvalho.

State-wide sales for the month totaled \$471,848 he said, as compared with \$383,222 for the same month a year ago.

Nationally, Savings Bonds sales were \$435 million as compared with \$401 million for August a year ago.

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