

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

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 Katchatags 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.