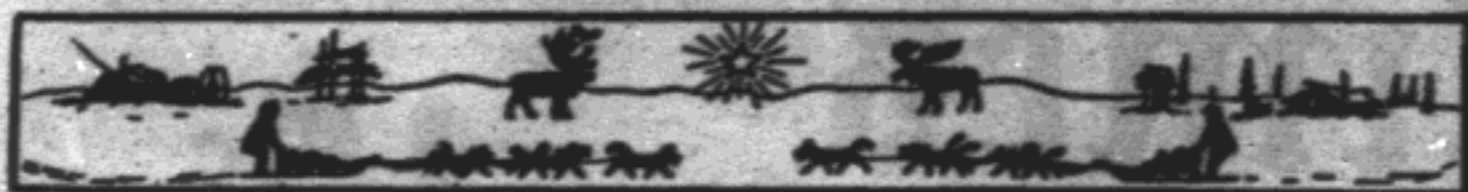


"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." - Voltaire

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Editorial—

AFN President

Emil Notti is the President of the Alaska Federation of Natives, a statewide organization of the native people of Alaska. Emil is a small man, a young man and he is quiet. There is a quality about him that makes him stand out when he is working, presiding over the leaders of his people. His physical stature and his quietness seem to recede into the background when he is tackling the problems of the native people of Alaska. Outwardly calm, Emil Notti seems to carry the complexities of these problems in stride.

But—the president of the AFN has, we believe, one of the most difficult jobs any man has ever been asked to do. The period in which he is serving is fraught with complexities—a period in which his people are just emerging into the field of proper education—a period in which difficult land problems are plaguing his people.

Emil Notti is an able man but he needs the blessing and unqualified assistance all of us can give him. Let us make up our minds to do just this and lighten somewhat his dedicated efforts in our behalf. This is the least we can do.

Editorial—

From Bitterness to Unity

The Alaska Federation of Natives has now a constitution it "can live with." The native leaders who participated in arriving at that desired point can be credited with courage, stamina and guts. The drama that surrounded the effort was not evident to many people but it was there stark—at times painful, and, finally—it permeated the conference hall with elation. The delegations from all parts of Alaska at the Anchorage AFN convention had gotten their wish—a document that would come closest to their desire of working out their problems together with unity.

Arriving at the finished product was a difficult undertaking. The process was fought with angry outbursts, bitterness and doubts. It took strong men to thrash out the differences and strong men to accept the final results.

We are sure that the statewide representatives to the conference left this year's convention hall with confidence in the ability of their leaders who proved that they can weather adversity and come out a bit taller in the end. It also leaves us with confidence that the caliber of our leadership will serve us well as we engage the difficult problems in the days ahead.

Village Chit Chat

October 17, 1967

Rosie Schmitt and Ginny Bwlm send best wishes to all their fellow Vistas from Point Hope. The Point is we Hope (99766) y'all write us soon.

(Editor's Note: If any villager or city dwellers wish to send little messages, Tundra Times is starting VILLAGE CHIT CHAT column. The brief messages may be used to send greetings, requests for Indian Ice Cream or beaver tail soup, or someone might want to send for seal oil from a friend or a jar of cooked walrus meat. Make use of the VILLAGE CHIT CHAT column. You may have lots of fun doing it.)

LETTERS to EDITOR

Nulato, Alaska
October 17, 1967

Dear Editor, Tundra Times:
This letter will probably bring out many discussions and even debates on what I think is right.

I believe that all children of native descent, the Eskimo, Indian, and Aleut of full, half or quarter blood, be given the right to have their fares paid to and from the schools of their choice, whether it is parochial or federal, by the federal government.

Many of our children are being sent to the Lower-48. Many times against their wish, because there are no high schools available. Many of these children would like to stay in Alaska with the children they grew up with.

Some would like to go to the high school of their religious belief to practice their religion. I am sure that many of the parents of these children pay public school tax.

In all fairness to the people of this state, I feel that if the government is able to pay the fares to and from school for children going to federal schools; and is able to pay the fares of their parents to and from their graduation; and it is rumored, will even pay children's fares to and from home for holidays, the federal government should at least pay the fares of the children to and from the schools of their choice, particularly the parochial schools, for these are the schools that are saving our state a lot of money.

Sincerely yours,
Andy Demoski
(Operation Grass Roots)

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Letters to the Editor

406 G STREET
BOX 2283
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

October 23, 1967
Box 1287
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

It was with extreme pleasure that I read today of the elevation of Nora Guinn to District Judge for the Bethel district.

As past City Manager of Bethel, I worked with Nora on hundreds of problems affecting her people. I found that the "diminutive" Judge, as you aptly call her, was capable of a huge job, and doing it creditably.

Her husband Charlie, her nine children, the town of Bethel, and all the Eskimo people of westward Alaska can be immensely proud of Nora for this appointment. They can also be assured that already as I write this, she is hard at work, helping people, in her office at Bethel.

My compliments to the Tundra Times for giving this story the headline and editorial appeal which it so rightly deserved.

Sincerely,
Mike Rowan
Anchorage

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE SENATE

Box 93
Anchitka I., Alaska 99695
22 October 1967

Charles P. Willis, Jr. President
Alaska Airlines, Inc.
Seattle Tacoma International Airport
Washington

Dear Mr. Willis:

It is requested that this letter be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors of Alaska Airlines Inc. with a viewpoint to accomplishing the following recommended improvements by Alaska Airlines, Inc. over the Anchorage, McGrath, Unalakleet, Nome and Kotzebue segment of your system:

1. Establish a minimum of one plane daily service, seven days a week effective immediately.
2. Reduce passenger fares over the points in question immediately.
3. Reduce the \$4.00 minimum freight rate to \$2.00 effective immediately.
4. Reduce your air freight tariff by 2¢ per pound minimum between Anchorage and the following points, McGrath, Unalakleet, Nome and Kotzebue, effective immediately.
5. Maintain reliable schedules.

Sincerely,
Robert R. Blodgett
State Senator, N.W. Dist.

10/18/67

Dear Editor:

Mrs. Hunter went up the Stikine River on a moose hunt. She didn't get any moose, but she did get a two-year old grizzly bear. Mrs. Hunter couldn't sleep that night when that bear came to her cabin. She went out and tried to scare that bear away but it didn't work. Later she came out with a gun but she missed the bear when she shot at him. A little later, she came out, and the bear was real close to her (about 15 feet from her). This time she shot him. After she skinned the bear, she came to town and Mrs. Yvonne Trayler wanted the skin for a rug.

Tonight mom said we kids could watch the eclipse of the moon (about 4 o'clock in the morning). My mom said

I could stay up and while I am waiting, I am going to paint some pictures.
Enclosed is a check for the 80 papers.

Sincerely,
Harold Riach
P.O. Box 603
Wrangell, Alaska 99929

Fairbanks Group Sponsoring Dance For Member Drive

The Fairbanks Native Association is sponsoring a Halloween dance at 8:00 p.m., Saturday in Eagle's Hall in Fairbanks.

There will be live music. Public is invited.

The admission is \$1.50 stag and \$2.00 per couple.

The dance is being put on as part of the Fairbanks Native Association membership drive.