

Heritage Edition

In this, our second annual Tundra Times heritage edition, we salute the Native peoples of Alaska. This issue contains stories, photographs, and contributions from the pages of the last seventeen years of the weekly editions of the Tundra Times. Some of the featured articles are taken from the "Arctic Survival" series authored by the late Howard Rock, based upon the recollections of our founders childhood years in Point Hope. Other stories are drawn from other regions of Alaska — saluting the cultures and lifestyles of Alaska Eskimos, Indians and Aleuts. We are pleased, as well, to return the honor given the Tundra Times by the Calista Corporation in this edition by featuring stories and coverage of the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel on Calista Square. The Yupik shareholders of the Calista region have chosen to honor the founder of the Tundra Times by naming the ballroom of their new hotel after the first editor and founder of this newspaper.

The cover of this edition was created by Yupik artist Moses Wassilie of Bethel for the Tundra Times last year. Moses accomplished a pastel portrait of Andrew Isaac of Tanacross, traditional chief of the Tanana Chiefs Conference and the Doyon Region. The color portrait of Chief was purchased at an auction in the Tundra Times banquet in 1978 by Doyon, Limited at a price of \$11,500. Moses created three other paintings for the newspaper, which will be auctioned off at the 1979 Banquet to raise funds for projects of the Tundra Times.

Our sincere best wishes go to the participants in the annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives. As we begin our 18th year of publication, our mission remains the same as it was when the first newspaper was published in 1962 — to serve as an independent media voice for the people in the Native villages of Alaska — and to reflect the pride in their heritage, in the dreams and aspirations, and in their desire to live in the manner they wish to live in the land which was created for them. We are firm in our belief that the source of the greatest strength for the Native community lies in the people of the villages of Alaska. More than anything else, in this edition, we salute the living heritage of the people of the villages.