

Federation Footnotes—

Emil Notti Commences Column on AFN Affairs

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This is the initial column to be used to keep the members of the Federation of Natives as well as Tundra Times readers informed on what we are doing.

We will not limit ourselves to what the Federation is doing. We will also report rumors as well as facts when we can find them.

This first report will be used to bring our readers up to date on some of the things that we have done in the recent past.

VEEP

On July 3, at 3:00 a.m. in the morning, the Native people were represented by this Indian when Vice President Hubert

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Humphrey returned from Vietnam.

The Vice President was presented with a beautiful ivory cribbage board made by Paul Buck.

Humphrey made a tremendous impression on the people of Alaska while he was here.

ASCAP MEETING

At the recent ASCAP meeting held in Kodiak, it became clear that if ASCAP is going to fulfill its mission to alleviate poverty in rural Alaska they are going to have to get more Natives from the target areas on the Board.

As the Board is now constituted, it has too many federal agencies and state agencies represented.

The federal agencies are defending their bailiwicks from encroachment by ASCAP and the state agencies are jockeying to fill employee slots with people of their particular political persuasions.

These articulate and persuasive government people are accomplishing their purposes and the rural Natives are the losers.

To become effective, the Board needs more rural people dedicated only to bettering the village conditions.

HOUSING

Mr. Ed Crittenden, Executive Director of Alaska State Housing Authority, prepared a good and workable housing plan for Native housing. He worked very closely with many Natives throughout the state while preparing the plan.

Our senators are optimistic that the senate will restore the \$1 million for housing that was cut from the House of Representatives budget.

HOWARD POLLOCK

Perhaps Congressman Howard W. Pollock should get on the radio and tell the people of Alaska, particularly the Native people, why he voted against HR 9029, which is Interior appropriations that contained money for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.