

# Letters from Here and There

## Not part of coalition

NUNAM KITLUTSISTI  
Protector of the Land  
Box 267  
Bethel, Alaska 99559  
February 1, 1977

Alaska Coalition  
620 C Street, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Sir,

The Board of Nunam Kitlutsisti has only recently received a mailer from the Alaska Coalition entitled "Alaska: New National Park, Wildlife Refuge, and Wild and Scenic River Proposals". Nunam Kitlutsisti is mentioned as a sponsor of the legislation which this brochure outlines. The Board of Nunam Kitlutsisti has not given its permission to the Alaska Coalition to use its name in any advertisements. The Association of Village Council Presidents and the Calista Regional Corporation have developed their own "d-2" Legislation entitled "The Yukon and Kuskokwim Delta Cooperative Refuge Management Act of 1977." This is the only legislation to have obtained the endorsement of AVCP, Calista, and Nunam Kitlutsisti.

David Friday, Chairman of Nunam Kitlutsisti has attended meetings of the Alaska Coalition in addition to other interested rural spokesmen, to discuss principally the subsistence issue. Mr. Friday, who is currently in Chevak, stated that Nunam Kitlutsisti had not involved itself with other withdrawal areas, or provisions of the Alaska Coalition legislation except those provisions affecting the Association of Village Council Presidents area in Southwestern Alaska. The "instant wilderness" provisions for existing wildlife refuges within the State of Alaska is completely new to our region. We do not support the "instant wilderness provision".

The Board of Nunam Kitlutsisti requests that the Alaska Coalition remove its name from the brochure currently being mailed out in support of the Alaska Coalition's "d-2" legislation.

Sincerely yours,

David Friday, Chairman  
Chevak

## Severson gets update

January 31, 1977

Rep. Martin Severson  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Martin,

I started the following bills before I left Juneau prior to your appointment. I am not sure of their status, but it is important for you to know about them.

1. I had an appropriation bill prepared that would help our fishermen prepare their application forms for Limited Entry permits.

2. As soon as the Governor's office has determined the cost of replacing the Twin Hills school, Senator George Hohman is

ready to assist in submitting an appropriation bill so that the replacement cost of what was not insured is covered in order to assure construction this year.

3. A bill should be ready to submit to build the Aleknagik airport. I had submitted a bill in 1976 but it didn't move.

4. I am in the process of having a bond bill prepared that will lengthen, widen, light and otherwise improve airports throughout Alaska.

5. I have started the ball rolling to fund a study to determine the feasibility of building a bridge between South and North Naknek.

6. I have also submitted a bill that will regionalize game guides on the basis of residence.

7. I have also asked that a bill be developed that will provide funds to fight erosion problems in Egegik, Goodnews Bay, Port Heiden, Dillingham, Quinhagak.

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# More comments from our readers . . .

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This bill is necessary to emphasize our need to contain further soil erosion in our district.

8. There is another proposal I have made to Kent Dawson in the Governor's budget office regarding transporting gravel to the villages of Kwigillingok, Kipnuk, and Kongiganak to surface their runways. The airports are made of mud and are extremely dangerous and must be closed after short periods of rain. The Division of Aviation made a commitment five years ago that gravel would be provided. If the Governor's office does nothing, then I had intended to submit an appropriation to get the job done this year.

I am sure you have met Dave Grey who can fill you in on progress on the above. Andy Edge, special assistant to Senator George Hohman, can also be very helpful to you.

If there is any way I can be of assistance, please write me in Dillingham at Box 234 or call me at 842-5302.

The campaign is going very well and I am very hopeful that I'll be returning in early March. I am pleased that you were appointed and I wish you the very best during the interim.

Kindest regards,  
Nels A. Anderson, Jr.

cc: Tundra Times

## Liquor store vote

January 26, 1977

Tundra Times  
Box 1287  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

To Jeff R. Richardson:

I hope we all get to vote on the liquor store soon. Have signed for it by mistake which I should have never done in the first place. I never really wanted a liquor store in Holy Cross and I am sure half the Holy Cross people agree with me. It's not going to make the people here drink less, its only going to make things worst for all of us. I certainly wish to see this whole deal terminate for good. Forget about the liquor store.

Sincerely,  
Holy Cross Residence

## We like Natives

Friends of The Earth  
1895 Pioneer Way  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701  
(907) 479-6077  
January 31, 1977

Editor  
Tundra Times  
Box 1287  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Dear Mr. Richards:

Thanks for your invitation to the open house. I appreciate it and I wish you and the Tundra Times, along with your staff, the best of luck.

Fortunately, in your January 19 editorial on the gas pipeline question, you are incorrect in stating that environmentalists have little respect for the Native subsistence lifestyles and for property rights of original North Americans.

We, here in Alaska, have drafted a d-2 proposal which we

hope will be passed in the Congress, and which we hope will prove you to be wrong in saying we do not care. This proposal is known as the Udall bill. It segregates subsistence uses from non subsistence uses and gives the priority to the subsistence use, and it establishes strong protective land classifications to prevent conflicting uses which would compete with the subsistence users and erode the resource.

I sincerely hope that your readers will examine the issue and all the proposals carefully before making any conclusions. You will see that only our proposal favors the local subsistence user and does not open the land up to competitors for the resources.

Thank you for hearing these views.

Sincerely,  
Jim Kowalsky  
Alaska Representative

## Swiss miss asks pen pal

Hello

Who would like to be my pen-friend?

I'm Marianne Hanni a twenty year old Swiss girl. I'm going to be a teacher for mental retarded children. So I have to study for 2 more years.

1975/76 I was for 8 months in U.S. and for a trip in Alaska. I like Alaska and I would like to know more about it.

My interests are: handcrafting, music, nature, mountain-climbing, spinning and weaving wool and a lot more. If you like to write to me here is my address:

Marrianne Hanni  
Muristrasse 92  
3006 Berne  
Switzerland

I hope to hear from you soon. Also American Natives would be very welcome as pen-friends.

Marrianne Hanni

## Arctic village elections

Arctic Village Council  
Arctic Village, Alaska  
January 20, 1977

Tundra Times  
P.O. Box 1287  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Dear Sir:

The village council would like to put a short article in the next issue of Tundra Times.

Arctic Village have held a council election on January 15, 1977. The following people are elected council members for 1977.

Paul Williams, 1st Chief & Chairman  
Calvin Tritt, 2nd Chief  
Gideon James, Secretary  
Albert James, Treasurer  
Louie John, Sgt. at Arm  
Ernie Peter, Sgt. at Arm  
Trimble Gilbert, member  
Florence Newman, Alternate member

The council meeting was held on January 19, 1977, and the first order of business was village rules & regulations. The council put a strong emphasis on the matter, and revised regulation will soon be adopted by the village people, which the council

will enforce. People traveling to Arctic Village should bare in mind that Arctic Village is a dry village, and village council is doing everything possible to enforce that rule.

Submitted by,  
Gideon James,  
Secretary

## Bilingual crisis

Kuskokwin Community  
College  
January 25, 1977

Tom Richards  
Editor  
Tundra Times  
410 2nd, Suite 205

Dear Tom:

Enclosed please find a paper entitled "The future of my Village" by John O. Mark of Quinhagak.

John is one of my students and is a Bilingual Teacher at Quinhagak. I asked if we could print his paper in the Tundra Times, he said yes. So if you can find some space please print it.

The financing of Bilingual Education in Alaska is becoming very crucial. The National Bilingual Office has cut back on program funds for our State. I feel that educators in Alaska need to be aware of this drastic sad situation. The State of Alaska should spear head the expansion of Bilingual Education.

Cordially,  
Fred Bigjim  
Bilingual Instructor  
Kuskokwin Community  
College

(Ed. Note - The essay, 'The Future of My Village,' by John O. Mark is printed on the editorial page.)

## Anthros are needed

Koniag, Inc.  
Kodiak, Alaska 99615  
January 31, 1977

Honorable Mike Gravel  
U. S. Senate  
1251 New Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Gravel:

In the last few days, I've received some disturbing news regarding the continuance of the University of Alaska Cooperative Park Studies Unit Anthropology and Historic Preservation Program, for section 14 (h) (1) of ANCSA. It appears that there has been a recent cut in the budget of the contract that National Park Service has with the University of Alaska, the result of an across the board cut in the Interior Dept. budget, seemingly from a higher level. The severity of this cut is such that, at present, staff members (provided by N.P.S.) working with the various Regional Corporations on historic and cemetery sites can expect to have their positions for a maximum of three months more. This would, then, make them available to Koniag, Inc., and other regional corporations in accordance with an agreement only until the end of April, unless more money becomes available.

A number of concerns surround the potential curtailing of this program.

I understand that the individual who is knowledgeable

about this matter is Gary Everhardt, Director, National Park Service, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

I appeal to you to assist in preserving this vital program. It is unthinkable to discontinue it. Please advise what can be done.

Sincerely yours,

KONIAG, INC.  
Karl Armstrong  
Secretary

cc: Tundra Times

## Unfair treatment

Assoc. of Interior Eskimos  
P.O. Box 80931  
College, Alaska 99701  
January 26, 1977

Senator Mike Gravel  
4107 Dickson Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gravel:  
For sometime now I have complained about treatment of

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myself, the village and village residents by the Area Office: Juneau, Alaska and the Area Director, plus Morris Thompson, Commissioner.

Well here it is again—Enclosed is two copies of teletypes sent by Juneau Area Office in regards to travel. One is a denial of my going to Anchorage to attend AFN convention, as representative of our village. Reason as stated by the Area Director, Clay Antioquia, that the meeting is political and B.I.A. money cannot be used for this type of travel, plus the BIA Area Office was extremely short of travel monies.

The other is "Code Urgent" and authorized Lucy Carlo, Executive Director of the Fairbanks Native Association (no longer, at this time), to travel to Salt Lake, Utah to attend the Native Congress of American Indian Convention.

It should be noted that my "No" was in the A.M. and Lucy's Code Urgent travel O.K. was almost noon the same day.

I called Antioquia about this and he said he'd let me know. I don't know how long it is taking because I called in November.

What I want is equal treatment and justice for those whom I represent.

I am requesting that you take immediate action and investigate the Area Office as I asked once before.

Sincerely yours,  
John L. Heffle, Sr.,  
President

Association of Interior Eskimos

## TT does some good

Northwest Indian News  
P.O. Box 4322  
Seattle, WA 98104  
Feb. 4, 1977

Tom and staff,

I want to congratulate everyone on the fine issue, (Jan. 19, issue).

I think more newspapers should spend more space on crucial and hard serious news. Because as the world turns people are still getting the shaft.

Many people are pretty confused about the corporations up there and you have been doing a good job of covering the Alaska politics.

Also Tom, here is some info on a conference down in San Francisco that I think you should attend or some representative. If you can please spread the word. Do so. Mike Smith who is putting this on would like to receive comments and criticism to help make the conference better. I will be in Juneau February 22 to 25. And I'll be there to do some consultant work for the Tlingit and Haida's. Maybe we can get in touch then. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Andy de los Angeles  
News Director