

She Named Tundra Times—

Sandy Jensen to Tasmania For Year Visiting Daughter

Sandy Jensen, longtime resident of Fairbanks and College, has gone to the Island of Tasmania. She boarded a jetliner last Sunday at the Fairbanks International Airport.

Sandy is going on a year's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Nancy Dittmann and her husband Reuel. She said she plans to write and to paint while in Kayena, Tasmania.

"Tasmania is called the 'Apple Isle' and there is a lot of sheep raising and farming. They grow citrus fruits also," said Sandy Jensen.

She said the climate in winter, it is wintertime there now, is around 40 degrees above nights and about 65 during days.

"In summer, Tasmania climate is about like northern California," Sandy said.

She said Dittmanns have been living on the island for two years and Reuel has been employed under public works there.

Now 55 years old, Sandy for several years had been employed by the University of Alaska working at the library and in the Electronics department.

Sandy, a Caucasian, has been interested in the native movement for several years. She has the distinction of having been the first person to suggest that this newspaper be called the "Tundra Times."

Early in 1961, numerous discussions took place during the planning of the newspaper and the name for it took important time.

The group, including Sandy, Thomas A. Snapp, Guy Okakok, LaVerne Madigan and Howard Rock, had a difficult time trying to think up a name. "Inupiat Oqaqtut," meaning in Eskimo, "The People Speak," was at first thought of to be the newspaper's name.

"What if we get a non-Eskimo secretary?" someone asked. "She would have the darndest time trying to put that over the phone."

After much discussion, Sandy Jensen asked, "What about calling it Tundra Times?"

The group, rather quickly, concurred and the name for the newspaper was decided.

Sandy planned to spend a day in Honolulu, a day on Fiji Island and a day in Sidney, Australia before deplaning at Kayena, Tasmania.