



HOLLY CHRISTINE JUNG—Little Holly is the only baby we know so far who was born on December 18, 1971, the day President Nixon signed the native land claims bill. If there are more native babies born that day, TT wants to know.

—ROBERT KOWELUK Photo

Holly Christine Jung Only Land Claims Cutoff Baby So Far

Here at TUNDRA TIMES we are beginning to believe that the entire native population of Alaska took a vacation from having babies on December 18, 1971.

Why December 18? That's the cutoff for native children to be eligible for benefits under the Alaska Native Claims Act, which was signed into law by President Nixon on that day.

TUNDRA TIMES is still offering a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond to the child born closest to midnight on that day. However, due to the following letter received the other day from Kenneth C. Bass, attorney for Alaska Federation of Natives in Washington, our definition of midnight has had to change.

"I read with interest your article concerning the last Native baby to be born and eligible for

benefits in the Settlement Act. I had informed you in Anchorage that in my opinion the cut-off time would be 12 midnight EST, December 18, 1971.

"Upon further study and discussion with other lawyers in the office, we have concluded that the cutoff time should be 12 midnight December 18, 1971, LOCAL TIME (emphasis provided by TT). Thus, a Native baby born before midnight in Nome, Alaska should, in our opinion, be eligible, even though the cut-off time expired three hours earlier in Juneau."

So, TUNDRA TIMES will be offering its prize to the baby born closest to midnight according to the local time in its area.

Meanwhile, we're presenting

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a picture of Holly Christine Jung, who was born at 9:32 a.m. in Anchorage that day.

Our photographer reports that her mom was still quite tired the day he went to the hospital to take pictures and that we ought not to rush pictures so fast in the future.

Well, parents you've got till January 20, 1972 to enter your child in the Land Claims Baby Contest. Cutoff for the contest is midnight January 20, at which time all entries must be post-marked.

Entries should include the name of the child, time of birth and some corroborating evidence (birth certificate or notarized statement from person in attendance besides parent).

Children entered in the contest must conform to all the statute requirements set out in the Native Claims Act of 1971. They must be at least 1/4 Eskimo, Indian, Aleut or any combination.

We're still waiting.