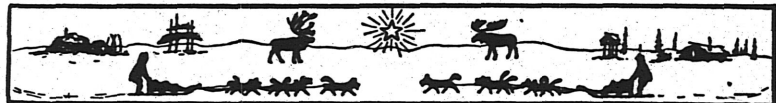


"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." - Voltaire

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Native Artists Invited to Enter Pieces

Native artists and craftsmen from throughout the state of Alaska are invited to enter their works in the first juried art show sponsored by the Alaska Festival of Native Arts in conjunction with the Alaska Festival of Music. Invitations have been sent to village leaders, BIA teachers and ministers in an attempt to reach as many of the artists as possible.

Cash prizes and certificates of excellence will be awarded in the fields of basketry, sculpture, models and miniatures, masks, graphics, beadwork, weaving, skin sewing, metal crafts, and jewelry.

A special purchase prize for the best of show will enable the Festival to begin a collection of Native art.

Entries must be received by June 1 and should indicate the name of the artist, his address, and whether or not he would like to sell the entry.

If items are for sale, the price should be indicated. There is no guarantee that sales will be made but return postage is guaranteed by the Festival.

All entrants must be of Alaskan Native descent, but it is not necessary that the artist himself submits the item as long as the whereabouts of the artist is known in case he should win a prize.

Entry cards and additional information may be obtained by writing to the Alaska Festival of Native Arts, Box 325, Anchorage, Alaska, or by contacting the BIA teachers or ministers in the villages.

Pills, Pills, Pill, You Take Them Needing or Not

Pills, pills, pills. Millions of people—those who need them and those who don't take them all the time.

What about those who do need them and don't take them? When the illness is a serious one—for example, tuberculosis—some problems and some dangers arise.

Since the early 1950's, when effective drugs were developed against TB, prolonged hospitalization of patients has been decreasing. The majority of known TB sufferers today are clinic outpatients. Their treatment consists mainly of drugs (usually in large quantities) provided by the clinic and taken daily at home.

Unfortunately the system doesn't always work smoothly. A patient with TB in mild form can feel fine and start wondering why he has to go on taking those endless pills.

The people at the clinic whose job is to help him get well may forget that they are dealing, in some cases, with a person unaccustomed to carrying out strict instructions or perhaps unable to grasp them fully.

Sometimes an extra effort is needed on the part of the clinic worker to put himself in the patient's place and try to bridge a gap in understanding or emotional conditioning.

Various methods have been tried for surmounting this "communications gap."

Some clinics have supplied medication dispensers, with each day's supply of pills in a dated compartment.

Others have experimented with "pill calendars" with the day's dose physically attached to each

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The Wisdom of a 13-Year-Old Girl

8813 South Buffalo Avenue
Chicago 17, Illinois
April 6, 1967

Dear Sir:

I'm a fan of yours. I believe also that people have their own minds they should be responsible for their actions regardless of their color. People's color has nothing to do with their behavior, I'm sure. "To excuse their misbehavior because of their race is the worst form of discrimination," as you said yourself.

I'm thirteen years old. I go to the best school there is in the world. We have the best teachers, the best principle a school could have. Some children don't realize it but I do.

Most people haven't heard of J. N. Thorp School. We are taught to obey at Thorp. I'm proud of my school.

I'm so happy to know you, and to know you feel the way you do about the Alaskan people. You understand your people and it is nice that you speak up for them. Everybody should read your paper then maybe they would stop this bickering over stupid things as race.

I have enclosed twenty cents. I would like to have a Tundra Times. (Bless you) Mr. Howard Rock.

Yours truly,
Dorothy Jean Washington

P.S. I'm a Negro. Thank you.

Yakutat Gives Mallott A Vote of Confidence

(From Yakutat Newsletter)

Last fall, the Five Chiefs elected former mayor of Yakutat, Byron Mallott, to represent them in all matters pertaining to Native affairs. As a result, Byron has been Yakutat's representative at all of the important statewide meetings of Native leaders which have taken place during the past several months.

At meetings held in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts from all over Alaska met to try to find solutions to the many problems which face more than 50,000 Alaskan Natives. Native leaders were challenging government officials, and each other, to find a solution to problems such as inadequate housing, substandard education, high disease rates, high unemployment rates, and government indifference.

However, the problem which brought about the most discussion and excitement was the extensive land claims made by Natives all over Alaska. It became quite obvious shortly after the new administration took over in Juneau that the Natives were going to have a hard fight on their hands to get the land which they believe they have legal title to.

Byron feels that the statewide organization of Natives will bring a big factor in solving the land claims and all other problems.

The Anchorage Daily Times has quoted Byron as saying, "One of the real strengths in a statewide organization is that we will be able to speak to the people who have long developed policy for us. We will be able to speak to the as peers because we'll be speaking for fifty thousand people."

With Byron as our representative, we can be sure that Yakutat will have a strong voice in statewide Native policy.

Senators Join Gruening For Early Action on Gold Bill

Twenty-one senators, headed by Senator Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska), last week addressed an appeal to Senator Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), the majority leader, to obtain early action in the Senate on Senator Gruening's bill to revitalize the gold mining industry.

The senators, all cosponsors of the gold mining legislation, represent 13 western states. Twelve of the signers are Democrats and nine are Republicans.

The bill, which would compensate gold miners for differences in costs of production today over those of 1940 when gold mining was at its peak, was reported favor-

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Editorial— A Strange Turn of Events

What seems to us a strange turn of events last weekend was the meeting of the Alaska Federation of Native Associations in Anchorage. Its planning was done so quietly that some native leaders, whose areas are of the utmost seriousness in the affairs of our people, were not even notified of the impending conference. Furthermore, it conflicted with another important meeting, the Tanana Chiefs Conference held in Tanana the same weekend.

Perhaps the Anchorage conference might have been productive in that it adopted the federation constitution. We only hope it encompasses all areas of concern, even without the key people that should have been there on its deliberations. We also heard that momentous problems, such as the land claims, were mentioned—again without the key people who have profound interest in the matter.

What about the election of the officers? Will they be satisfactory to the statewide membership of the federation? Although some of those elected are men of unquestioned ability, there seem to be a top-heaviness in the slots filled by Anchorage area native leadership. If we are correct in our assumption, the federation might tend to become urbanized. That would nudge aside the rural areas for which, we believe in most part, the organization was formed in the first place. The manner in which it was conducted has made us wonder whether the meeting might have created a pegleg in which its future steps might not maneuver quite normally.

The die is cast, however, and the consensus of the native leaders outside of the Anchorage area seems to be: "We will go along with it, otherwise, it might fall to pieces."

Athabascans Mourn Death of 'Grandma'

By PETER SIMPLE
Fort Yukon, Alaska

Mrs. Marcie Horace, mother, grandma and great grandmother to all of us in Ft. Yukon, Chandalar, and all way up Porcupine River, had pass away on April 1st.

We believe she is oldest person live in this part of country. She was a young woman in Hudson Bay Co. days. We feel confident that she must be way over 100 year old.

She was well taken care of by her many friends that she made through her good deeds.

She was survived by one son, Donald Horace, and many grandchildren.

We buried her at 5:00 p.m. o'clock April 5th. We prayed God bless her soul and rest in Peace.