

Letters to the Editor

576 Camino Del Monte Sol
Santa Fe, New Mexico
November 23, 1969

To the editor:

Who listens to the voices of the Indians?

In the hope that the schools and the students might hear those voices, if they had an anthology devoted entirely to historical and contemporary American Indian writers, Dr. Shirley Hill Witt (a member of the Mohawk tribe) and I (author of *The New Indians*) are collecting the writings of Indians for publication in an anthology to be used in the high schools and colleges.

The anthology will be made up of the wide rainbow of Indian thought and opinion. Past and present, poetry and politics, will be included, to give what we hope will be some small idea of the breadth and beauty of American Indian expression.

Our project has been undertaken with a grant from the Metropolitan Applied Research Council, Dr. Kenneth Clark, director. Harper & Row has expressed interest in publishing the book next year.

In the belief that you will be interested in the idea of the anthology, I write you to ask: are there any texts, either historical or contemporary, which you might suggest to us, which we might overlook? So much of the literature of the American Indian has been hidden and suppressed, that we are seeking the help of everyone, Indian scholars and people on the reservations, to make the anthology as forceful, representative and truthful as we can.

In peace,
Stan Steiner

Pinon Boarding School
Pinon, Arizona
November 21, 1969

Dear Mr. Rock:

The TUNDRA TIMES is ably fulfilling a great need which has existed for a long, long time in Alaska—Native owned and controlled instrument to champion the cause of Native Alaskans. You are doing a great job, in keeping our Indian people and the general public well informed of the perplexing problems facing all Native Alaskans. It also states well the aspirations of our Indian people. Keep up the good work!

I am very proud of our articulate and able young men who have come to the fore front, trying to work out suitable solu-

tions to the increasing and complex land problems. I am especially proud of the able leadership being provided by Mr. Emil Notti, Mr. John Borbridge of the AFN, Mr. Willie Hensley, and the old "pro" Mr. Eben Hopson, Executive Director-Arctic Slope Native Association for their untiring efforts towards an equitable land settlement. Collective land ownership, adjacent to each Native village is vitally essential for future economic and social development of the Indian people. It is my hope, that some day the efforts of these fine Indian leaders will prove a great turning point for a brighter future for all Native Alaskans. They will need our confidence and full support.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph M. Kahklen

4904 Rothman Place
Monona, Wisconsin
Nov. 27, 1969

Dear Mr. Rock:

My name is Lisa Jean Hume. I would like a pen pal and I was wondering if you could find one for me.

I have alot of hobbies and here they are—playing instruments, pets, cooking. We are studying Alaska and we are writing letters to Alaska. I am 9 years old and I go to Winnequah school and my teachers name is Mrs. Okray. I'm in fourth grade. I have two sisters and I'm the oldest in our family.

Sincerely,
Lisa Jean Hume

4904 Rothman Place
Monona, Wisconsin
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Dear Mr. Rock:

My name is Julie Ann Hume. I would like a pen pal and I was wondering if you could find one for me. My hobbies are: making things, collecting things, playing instruments. Like, accordin, organ, flute, bandgo. And other things. I go to Maywood School. And I am in thurd Grade. And I am eight years old.

Sincerely,
Julie Ann Hume