

"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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President Nixon Commends TT Editor

The Tundra Times this week received a note of congratulations from President Nixon, for the "dedication, special interest and concern" shown by editor Howard Rock in Tundra Times.

Nixon said "One of the rewards of public office is the opportunity to learn about the many outstanding citizens who involve themselves in the work of America."

"I was especially pleased to hear of your exceptional work as editor and publisher of the Tundra Times."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 19, 1973

Dear Mr. Rock:

One of the rewards of public office is the opportunity to learn about the many outstanding citizens who involve themselves in the work of America. I was especially pleased to hear of your exceptional work as editor and publisher of the Tundra Times. Your extraordinary personal efforts on behalf of the Alaskan natives merits the admiration and gratitude of all your fellow citizens. The dedication, special interest and concern you have shown for others has rendered a real service to your community, State and Nation, and I am delighted to extend my congratulations and very best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Mr. Howard Rock
Box 1287
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Mekoryuk Getting 3.1 Mile Road

JUNEAU — Governor William A. Egan said today the state has awarded a \$581,600 contract for construction of 3.1 miles of road between Mekoryuk and the village airport on Nunivak Island in western Alaska.

The project, awarded to Arndt Brothers of Homer, Alaska, also includes improvements to the village's local service roads system.

The work is to be completed in four months.

Lost VISTA Volunteer And an Old Eskimo Strange Encounter Leads Into Extensive Analysis of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

Land's End Village
State of Alaska
July 15, 1973

Dear Howard,

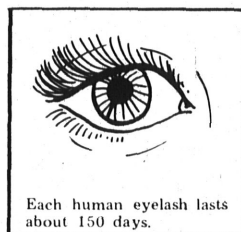
Recently we have been having a real argument here in the village about just what the Regional Corporation can do with the money they have received so far from the government. Our corporation received \$500,000 as far as we know and we have been hearing talk that they want to invest it in real estate and in a building in the city, with loans and mortgages from the banks. Now this may only be a rumor, but sometimes this is the only way people in the villages can find out what is going on.

Now my friend Wally Morton has been trying to explain to me what a corporation is and how it works. He has told me about the stockholders, the board of directors, and the managers. This all fits perfectly well with the description of the Regional Corporations that my wife's cousin's son, Joe Ayagut, was giving us during his visit here a couple of months ago. It seems to me that if the stockholders elect a Board of Directors who hire a Manager, then until you know who the stockholders are the corporation can't do much of anything at all.

Also in AN ACT there are several sections telling how the money from the government is going to be divided up between the Village Corporations and the Regional Corporations according to the Native Enrollment in each region (Sec. 7, Sec. 8). If this is true then how can the Regional Corporation make commitments to spend money when they don't even know yet who the enrolled Natives are in the region because this means that they don't know who the stockholders are and they don't know how much money they are going to receive.

I hope that some of your readers can explain these confusing things to an old man in a village who can only spend his own money when he has it in his own pocket.

Your friend,
Nauuga Ciunerput



Each human eyelash lasts about 150 days.

Inuvik Letter

Box 1184, Inuvik, N.W.T.
July 20, 1973

Dear Howard, and gang —

Well, the Northern Games are on again — but this time two weeks later — Aug. 17, 18, 19, 20 — and at Ft. Good Hope.

A press release from the Northern Games Association issued last night reads: "Early today the settlement of Fort Good Hope announced that they would be pleased to host Northern Games August 17, 18, 19, and 20th."

"Also Northern Games received officially a \$22,000 commitment to add to the \$14,000 from Territorial Government and \$4,500 from private contributions."

I guess they are going to end up with lots more people than at Coppermine, and expect to put most everybody in tents.

No time for more now, but wanted you to get this as soon as possible.

Lois

Calista Speaks LUPC Hard Of Hearing . . .

CALISTA CORPORATION
July 19, 1973

Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission
733 West 4th Avenue
Suite 400
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Commission Members:

At the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission meeting of July 19, 1973, a Commission member made the statement that the letter Calista Corporation had written to the Commission in Yupik was a "publicity" and "political" play. This stems from the fact that Calista had written a letter on June 8, 1973 in Yupik, and not translated, requesting that the Lands Claims Settlement Act be translated to Yupik so that all of Calista region's residents could understand the tremendous problems facing them.

Asked by a representative of Calista why the letter had not been answered, the Commissioner turned his back on Calista's representatives. He reported, "After all, you're bilingual and I'm not." One point for the Commissioner — many of Calista region's residents are not bilingual either. Many cannot read or write English. Therein lies the problem.

The letter had been written in Yupik to underscore the seriousness of the communications problems between the Eskimo people of Calista and the United States government. Irony? People in the 53 villages of Calista have a very hard time understanding the Act, the results the actions of today will have on them, their children and descendants, and the time-crunching deadlines imposed on them by some law that they do not understand. The letter was written in all sincerity, and not the "publicity" stunt which various white men strive for. "Publicity" stunts are not known in the Eskimo culture.

The Commission had been informed of the seriousness of the problem at one of their first meetings. Every member nodded their heads as if they understood. Apparently not, emphasized by the Commissioner's remarks. If the attitude of this Commissioner is one of the entire Commission — then this is a sad day — for without understanding, without the bridging of the communication gap, without humanity, almost all has been lost for us.

Sincerely,
Gilbert Hendrickson

cc: Tundra Times
12 Regions
Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton

Tundra Times Editor Not Feeling Well

If this week's Tundra Times looks a bit bedraggled and not as sharp as usual, it may be because Editor Howard Rock has also been feeling not as sharp as usual.

Editor Rock has been ill for several weeks and is undergoing hospital tests. He is much missed by the staff and we are certain by our many readers as well. With the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics to coordinate and a twelve page newspaper to put out, the staff hopes that Tundra Times readers will be patient until Editor Rock is back in full charge of the world's biggest little newspaper which has not been without him since its first edition.

Get \$140,000 Contract For Child Care

Representative Don Young (R-Alaska) today announced the award of contracts totaling more than \$141,000 to native villages at Fort Yukon, Tok and Wainwright.

Young said the Bureau of Indian Affairs would continue assistance and child care programs now under way in the villages.

"The Fort Yukon Native Association would receive a \$27,302 contract," Young said.

"The BIA contract for Wainwright calls for \$19,224 and a larger project for the United Crow Bands of Alaska at Tok calls for a \$94,798 contract," Young said.