

Loss would keep me warm

To the Editor:

I would like to make a few comments on the Doyon business loss. I just picked up the Tundra Times and here right on front page: Doyon records \$21 million loss. Kind of a shocking news....

As I am writing this letter, I am looking out my second-story cabin.

The ice-fog real thick. I can

scarcely see the outlines of my neighbor's cabin. Real cold—minus 50 below zero, on the thermometer. Cold in my cabin too.

You know, if I could just get a percent of the money lost, maybe it could be enough to insulate my cabin properly.

Our children want money for school. Our Elders want money before they all fade away. And

suddenly our trusted representatives told us there went so much money down the drain.

—Shareholders are thinking to change board members. I don't know if that will solve Doyon's problem though.

All that is lost will not be recovered.

Sincerely,

Pollock Simon Sr.
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Don't lose all in 1991

To the Editor:

I would like to share this to our "Friends of Alaska Natives."

We the Alaska Natives must realize it is time to agitate ourselves, so that we don't lose

what we have now before the year 1991. For all Alaska Natives, we fear that year 1991.

I feel us Alaska Natives have been sitting in our corners and imbibing that liquor while the bureaucracy have been putting

on this pompous act of doing us good.

I do hope all the Alaska Natives understand where I'm coming at?

Sincerely yours,

William Frost Tocktoo

Be proud, no matter where you are

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the one Michael D. John wrote on the Native culture group that they are trying to start up there in the F.C.C. in Fairbanks, which was in your Oct. 12, 1983 issue of the Tundra Times.

First off, I myself am an Alaska Native prisoner down here in the F.B.P. down here in Lompoc, Ca. I know what it's like to be away from your own culture and traditional ways, and snow.

And since March of 1979 I haven't been around or heard about anything concerning my cultural or traditional ways. Unless it was from the Tundra Times or from the Alaska Magazine, or being here with the Tribe of Five Feathers, which is a Native American culture

And the brothers, from the T. O. F.F. have taught me a lot about different cultural and traditional ways of the Native Americans. They have also helped me to stay and keep my own cultural & traditional ways.

Because believing and living your own cultural and traditional ways is something no law or any outside corporation or any government can take away from you. We all understand that we have done wrong, and that we must pay our debts for our wrong doings.

But we also have our own laws, which are not man-made laws, that we must not forget about. And if you're not sure of these laws, talk to the Elders up there.

Now that we have time to think and as long as there are

walrus, fresh water, we must continue to think and live as our Elders have.

And Brother Michael, stay strong and be proud of what you and the others are doing. And remember as long as you believe and live this way, I'm with you in spirit, because one of these years hopefully, I'll be heading up there where I belong. And when I do return, I wouldn't feel right if there was no Native culture groups up there. So on behalf of the Native Alaska prisoners, and the Tribe of Five Feathers, you have our prayers and our support.

May our grandfathers help those who don't understand as we do. And help all you brothers behind these walls stay strong.

In spirit,