

ASNA Attorney Submits . . .

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will not and cannot happen.

In order to save this conscience, the Department has come up with a policy of recognizing Indian title to relatively modest areas around the villages and giving the various groups a sop by way of money. The Arctic Slope Native Association is appealing to the Congress and to the people of the United States for land. Its whole fight has been for the land of their forefathers, where their culture is inextricably woven and, if you please, where they today make their sustenance.

The Association asserts, as civilization moves in, the sustenance to be yielded by the land will shift from whales, reindeer, moose, and salmon to the minerals and other natural usufructs. The Association asserts that its members are becoming sophisticated and can manage the yield of the land in a provident manner. Money is fleeting; and with the experience of more than a century of Bureau of Indian Affairs' management, the Association believes that it will be, in the large sense, useless. Land is permanent; and when it is the foundation of one's culture, it has an emotional impact on the occupier, which money can never supplant. The Association further asserts that an appropriation of money, no matter how much, as a substitute for land, is a sop which cannot vindicate the national conscience. A rape is a rape, and the mere fact that money is supposed to relieve the national conscience does not change its true character; it is still a rape.

The Association, as a member of the Alaska Federation of Natives, has agreed to modify its respective claim to a lesser amount of land than it owns. If the Congress were to be completely intellectually honest, the Congress would not permit such a modification; but the Association recognizes that powerful interests are at play, that civilization is moving in, that in the continental United States, it has been the history of our government to reduce Indian claims to a lesser amount, and so for these reasons of policy, the Association has agreed to a lesser amount. As to the area occupied by the Eskimos, a couple of million acres of icebergs is not very much and, therefore, a compromise further than the recommendation by the Alaska Federation of Natives changes the form from a compromise to an out and out expropriation.

Attached to the within memorandum is a letter of answers to a questionnaire submitted to the undersigned by the University of Alaska with the request that it be included as a part of this memorandum. Your attention is respectfully directed to the Tlingit and Haida case, and to that portion of it which held that even the barren and inaccessible mountain peaks were within the dominion of those Indians, and that the only reason why, on an expropriation of them, the Indians would not be paid for such barren and inaccessible places was because such had no value. Now that oil has been discovered, and remembering the Alcea Band of Tillamook case included discovered mineral rights, i.e. discovered prior to the expropriation, the icebergs in the Eskimo country can provide the metamorphosis from surface sustenance for the modern Eskimo to industrial sustenance for centuries to come.

The Arctic Slope Native Association respectfully petitions the Congress to adopt the bill sponsored by the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Respectfully yours,
Frederick Paul

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C. E. Steen
Commissioner of Highways

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Rader Campaigning in Kotzebue, Nome, Unalakleet, Other Villages

Keeping to the marathon proportions of his campaign travel schedule, John Rader, candidate for the United States House of Representatives, departed Fairbanks this morning on an intensive swing to the communities and villages of Northwestern Alaska.

Rader will visit Kotzebue, Nome, Unalakleet and surrounding villages.

Rader said, "The purpose of this trip is to get to the outlying communities of the state and to find out from those who live in frontier conditions what their needs and problems are...and then to develop meaningful legislation and dynamic programs which will meet the challenges."

Rader, who has already completed a marathon trip through most of the remote areas of the state, is proposing a massive Federal program which would be based on the precedent established by the Appalachia program.

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