

# Letters from Here and There

November 16, 1971 fairly settled.

November 8, 1971

Dear Editor:

Terry T. Brady  
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Howard Rock  
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Any "solution" to the Alaska Native Land Rights issue that does not allow the Natives first choice of the lands they wish to retain would be ludicrous.

By seeking a legislative, rather than judicial means of gaining final title to land, the Natives long ago indicated their desire to compromise. This compromise has always been taken to mean the amount of land they are to retain, and the amount of compensation they are to receive for extinguishment of their rights to the remainder of Alaska. Such compromise was never intended to include the order in which selections are to be made.

The Homesteader who sells his land to a Real Estate Developer has the right to decide which parcel of his acreage he wishes to keep for himself. In the same vein, the Alaska Natives must have first choice, if they so desire, on which lands they wish to retain.

This is the only way this action, which can bring to a close a more than 100 year old Real Estate transaction, can be

P.O. Box 125  
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Dear Mr. Rock:

This is my personal feeling on the land claims. To the people who call Alaska home.

Alaska will never become the great country it was meant to be unless we open our hearts to the people of our country. Not only Alaska but the world where there is hunger, poverty, and helpless people unable to speak for themselves, such as our children and the very old.

There is a shortage, not of money or land, but a shortage of LOVE for HUMANITY. Money and land seems to be more important than the people who live and will live on this great land.

For Peace in Harmony  
Marion E. Charley

Dear Howard:

I would like to point out an oversight which appeared in the RurAL CAP Tundra Times page on October 20. There was a lengthy article discussing Governor Egan's opposition to the new Three Mile Limits set by the State Department. We neglected to point out that this issue was brought to our attention by Gordon Jackson, who is the director of Southeast Alaska Community Action Program (SEACAP). Gordon's staff did a good deal of work on this issue and had it not been for his work, the State Board of RurAL CAP would probably not have taken a stand on changing the new maps which were issued by the Department of State and the Department of Commerce.

Sincerely yours,  
John Shively  
Executive Director

cc: Gordon Jackson