

Other Voices—

Slope Areas Forever Without High Schools

All native Alaska is looking at what attitude the State government of Alaska has on the North Slope Borough application of the Arctic Slope Native Association.

Let us put this application in perspective.

For decades the Eskimos have not had junior and senior high schools. Today, Point Hope, Wainwright, Kaktovik and Anaktuvuk Pass have no junior high schools. Barrow has no senior high school.

Two years ago the State got \$900 million out of the North Slope. Two legislatures have met since then. The state government from the highest to the lowest, from the Governor to the legislature on down has not returned five cents to the Slope.

The only way the Eskimos can demonstrate their love for their children is by sending them a thousand miles to junior and senior high schools. From the youngsters' point of view it is like being reared without love.

Is there any place in the whole United States where such injustice exists?

The Arctic Slope Native Association says they want a borough so they can build their own schools.

We support them.

We wonder what the oil industry will do.

We think waiting for two legislatures, let alone the decades of neglect is long enough.

With a borough, Eskimos can build their own schools for their own children, their beloved children.

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