

Letters from Here and There

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Telephone 852-4865

Dec. 11, 1973

Mr. Morgan Richardson
V.P. Marking & Sales
Wien Consolidated Airlines
4100 Airport Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Information reaching my office concerning the national fuel shortage and the effect on the local operations and traffic of both freight and passengers rather disturbs me.

I am told that because of fuel allocations, the only airline that services the Barrow area will be forced to cut down to five scheduled flights per week, and on two consecutive days, Sunday and Monday.

First let me say that because of geographic locations, undoubtedly your planes will be flying on Mondays between Anchorage and Fairbanks. Also because of our geographic locations, we in Barrow area are served only by your airline. If all flights for Sunday are cancelled between Anchorage and Fairbanks and other points, in other words, total shut down on Sundays I should not complain.

If however you are flying on Mondays, then I must very strongly suggest that you schedule flights also to Barrow. If we had another airline to depend on for those days you are not flying here, it really wouldn't matter too much.

By your scheduling no flights on Sunday and Monday both, you would work a tremendous hardship for the Barrow area and the North Slope Borough in general.

At the very minimum I am willing to agree to a no flight on Sunday.

If you must cut down another day, for gosh sakes at least avoid doing it on two consecutive days.

I am sure that there is a way, if you must cut down, and to which I am not certain you must, to schedule another day in the week, perhaps Wednesday or Thursday, but don't do it on our two consecutive days.

I think it's a mistake to assume that Barrow falls in the same category as Nome or Kotzebue from the stand of needed service. Both the towns of Nome and Kotzebue are served by Wien and Alaska Airlines.

I want to assure you that my office is prepared to discuss

this matter with you at anytime or call me at 852-4865 or 852-4845.

Thank you,
Eben Hopson, mayor
North Slope Borough
cc: Tundra Times, Fairbanks

P.O. Box 48584
Represa, Calif. 95671
Dec. 11, 1973

Dear Mr. Rock:

Your paper is in truth the voice of our people, upon receipt of my first check from the Bristol Bay Native Corp., Dillingham, I will take out a year's subscription. Until last week when I received letters from Mr. Bigjim, Methodist U. at Anchorage and Mr. Ted Angasan, deputy director of Bristol Bay Native Corp., the Tundra Times was the only source of information concerning the "Act."

Mr. Bigjim was kind enough to send a copy of said act, and Mr. Angasan wrote and gave verification of my brother's and my own enrollment as per the Nov. 8 printout.

No word yet on my boys, that also means no words from the enrollment office at Anchorage as of this date. I thank you with all my heart for printing my letter. It's not only helping me, but other Natives Outside, as you up North call this land mass down here.

Our Native leaders are answering even though that "office" in Anchorage is not.

As to your editorial comment in the paper dated Nov. 21, I am one Eskimo who feels Morris Thompson is a step in the right direction. I voted against the 13th Region, looking for leadership by Natives for Natives! Mr. Thompson is just that.

I'm hoping at this writing we down here in this small group of Alaska Natives get a corporation check before your paper stops coming. Will close in wishing you sir, and all who have helped bring about the "Act" a happy holiday season, and your totem a good one.

Sincerely,
John L. Lombard

TO: State Operated School Board
650 International Airport Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

FROM: Ruby Advisory School Board

DATE: Ruby, Alaska 99768
November 8, 1973

Gentlemen:

The Ruby Advisory School

Board wishes to protest the deadlines established by the State Operated School Board on the matter of draft copies of the policy manual for advisory school boards.

On Sept. 27, 1973, your Board directed that draft copies of this manual were to be distributed and that feedback from local advisory school boards should be back in the Anchorage office of State-Operated Schools by Oct. 20, 1973.

It is a near impossibility to get such vital material printed in such a short time. It is also unlikely that mail service would get such materials to the local advisory school boards before the deadline.

Such important material deserves the thoughtful consideration of the advisory boards—this also takes time.

In our community, a single copy of the draft reached the Principal-teacher the night of Oct. 18, 1973. The only other copy reached the Chairman of the advisory board after the Oct. 20 deadline. Other board members did not receive copies at all. With mail schedules—and mail service being what it is—it was impossible to get our views in to the Anchorage office by the Oct. 20 deadline.

Why give lip service to the idea of local input and then set impossible deadlines?

The Ruby Advisory School Board, by unanimous vote in the regular meeting Nov. 6, 1973, protests such action.

Sincerely yours,
Ruby Advisory School Board
John Honea
President
Florence Esmailka
Secretary
Zeta Cleaver
Harold Esmailka
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