

Famous Journalist Asks Info on Famous Pilot

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Dear Mr. Rock:

Is it possible for the following to be run as a letter to the editor?

I am researching for a biography of Alaska aviation pioneer Noel Wien. Anyone having material or anecdotes about Wien and/or who is willing to be interviewed, is invited to write me at the above address or at 2610 Charing Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221. I would especially like to hear about Wien from a Native's point of view.

Many thanks to you, sir.

Cordially,
/s/ Ira Harkey

Leaders Struggle...

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Tanana Chiefs; Alice Brown, Kenai Native Association; Harry Carter, Kodiak Native Association; Margaret Nick, AFN Secretary; Emil Notti, AFN President; and Willie Hensley, Northwest Area Native Association.

A second motion was then considered which would ask Goldberg to reconsider his resignation. This passed in a 12 to 8 vote with Alice Brown, Wilma Ketzler, Flore Lekanof, Frank Degnan, John Borbridge, Cecil Barnes, Harry Carter, Eben Hopson, Joe Upicksoun, Willie Hensley, Margaret Nick, and Emil Notti voting in favor of the motion.

Voting against the motion were Harvey Samuelson, Ray Christianson, Bill Paul, Don Wright, Shirley Tucker, Emil McCord, Richard Frank, and Moses Pauken.

Native leaders, more unified now than the confusion of last week's meetings might have indicated, are angry at recent rumors and charges which threatened to bring about a major crisis within the leadership.

Much of this anger is directed at the attorneys who represent some of the regional native organizations.

One of these, Edgar Paul Boyke, who until his resignation

Monday represented the natives of the Kodiak area, recently charged that Justice Goldberg might receive as much as \$50 million in fees for representing AFN.

William Hensley, State Representative from Kotzebue and the voting delegate for the Northwest Area Native Association, responded to this charge.

"This is so absurd that it hardly needs comment," said Hensley. "Justice Goldberg has from the beginning divorced himself from any participation in setting the fee. In fact, I am quite certain that he was going to do this at considerable self-sacrifice."

Tlingit-Haida delegate John Borbridge was also disturbed at some of the confusion and rumors which have resulted.

"All that we have asked for," he said, "was the opportunity to assert our rights—and this has happened."

"Any form of paternalism, however deliberate, well-intentioned, or inadvertent, can only be in derogation of our desire for maximum self-determination and detract from our dignity and self-respect," Borbridge said.

Another native leader, Aleut League delegate Flore Lekanof, thought that the attorneys have hindered AFN efforts to resolve many of the more important issues.

"At meetings," Lekanof states, "attorneys sometimes talked so much that the native representatives didn't get a chance to speak." He also indicated that the lawyers might not work for the most desired settlement.

"The frame of mind is very important," Lekanof said. "The attorneys may be afraid to ask for too much."

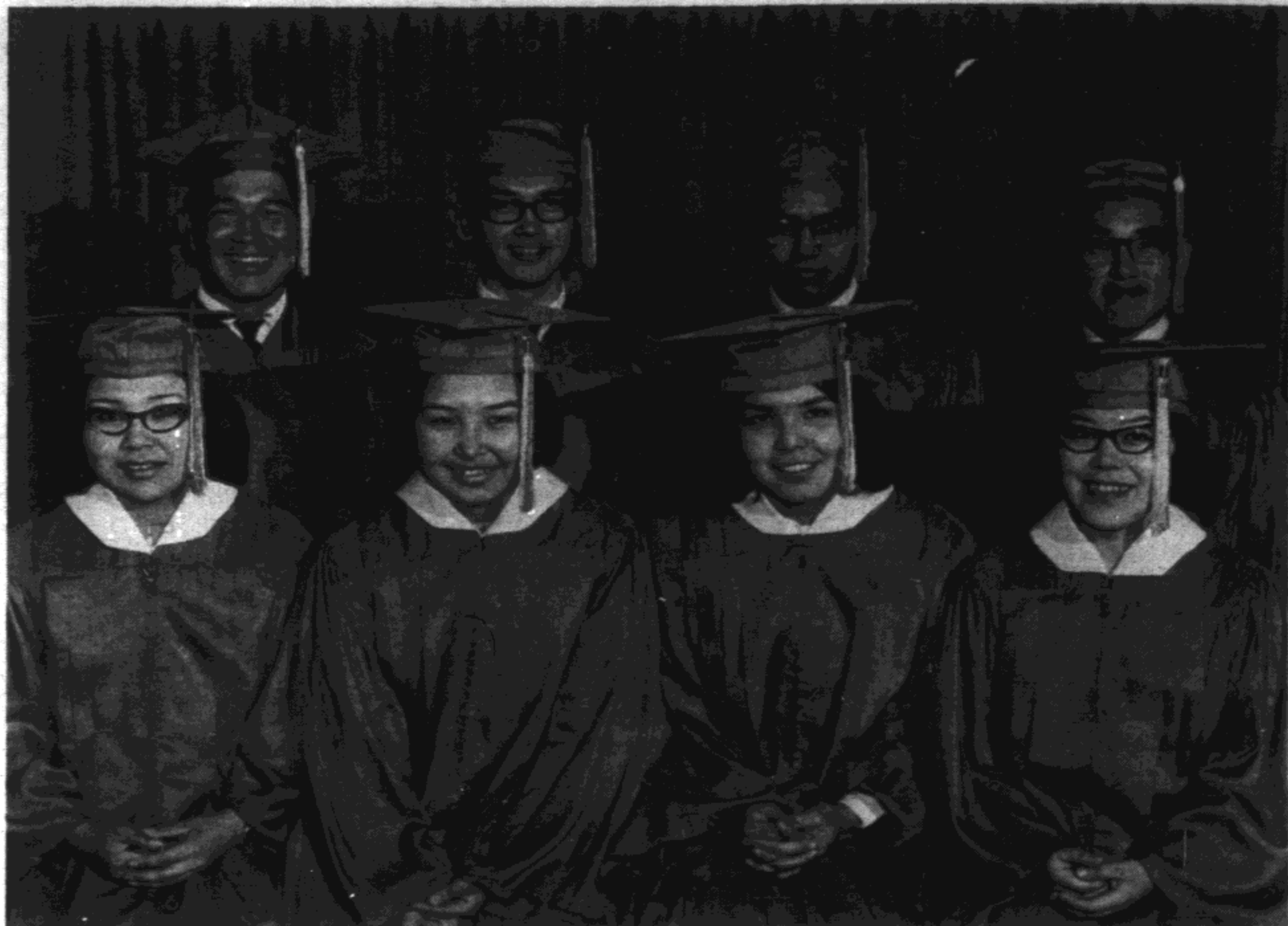
One of the most angry responses was given by AFN President Notti to recent allegations that AFN may have been acting illegally and that it was not empowered to represent Alaskan natives.

"If AFN isn't representative, then the AFN Board isn't representative, and the regional organizations are not representative. The Board is elected by regional organizations which claim to represent their people," Notti said.

Despite rumors and charges, the consensus of opinion among native leaders reflects a desire to return to the matter of achieving a unified stand on settlement of native land claims.

Many feel that the most pressing need is to reinstate Justice Goldberg as AFN counsel. "I believe that a survey would show that the natives would overwhelmingly vote to retain Goldberg," Willie Hensley said. "I think that most people believe that we need him."

U.S. Representative Howard Pollock added strength to this position Monday in appealing for Justice Goldberg to reconsider



GRADUATING from Victory High School are: top row left to right: Gust Bartman of Manokotak, Robert Nanalook of Togiak, Oley Nicklie, Jr. of Cantwell, and Adam Aposik of Togiak. Bottom row: Marie Jacobs of Aleknagik, Eileen

Chuckwuk of Aleknagik, Patsy Johns of Copper Center, and Mayr Liz Blue of Togiak. Not shown are: Stoney Nicklie, Cantwell, Marie Small, Quinhagak, and Paul Boskoffsky.

Victory High School Graduates 11

The graduation exercises of Victory High School and the Arctic Bible Institute will be held on Friday, May 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the scenic Park Bible Church in Anchorage.

Rev. Robert Lee, Acting Dean of the Alaska Bible College, is slated to deliver the commencement address.

These two schools comprise the Arctic Training Center located at Mile 95 on the Glenn Highway.

This is the completion of ten years of operation at this location. Victory High School is a Christian high school which pro-

vides secondary education for native Alaskans.

The Arctic Bible Institute is a specialized school offering instruction in Biblical studies for training of native Christian leaders. This is the first graduating class of the Institute.

Lawyer's Dispute—

Gov. Keith Miller Answers Tundra Times' Queries

This week, Gov. Keith Miller's Fairbanks office called Tundra Times and asked the newspaper whether it had any questions for the Governor.

The editor hastily wrote three questions due to pileup of work at that time and the second question came out unclear and vague. It read:

"Now that Goldberg is reconsidering his withdrawal, do you think his services for the natives will be effective?"

The question should have read "Now that Goldberg is reconsidering his withdrawal and should he be reinstated, do you think his services for the natives will be effective?" It was unfortunate that the question on the editor's part was vague and we extend

our apologies to Gov. Miller.

The following are questions by the newspaper and answers by the Governor:

QUESTION: The Alaska native land claims matter in our state is easily one of the serious situations facing Alaskans. What do you think of the native organization regional lawyers criticism of Justice Arthur Goldberg as chief counsel for the Alaska Federation of Natives?

ANSWER: Unfortunate situation. However, the discussion is

between lawyers and I prefer to leave it to the lawyers.

QUESTION: Now that Goldberg is reconsidering his withdrawal, do you think his services will be effective?

ANSWER: The question isn't clear, but I would say that he would remain effective.

QUESTION: How do you think the native organization lawyers' behavior affected the native organizations?

ANSWER: This is a dispute between lawyers.

Goldberg Telegram...

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der that proposed contract, the fee was to be determined by disinterested parties and to be subject to approval of the Secretary of the Interior. Moreover, I told all concerned that I would provide additional safeguards for the Natives rights.

Furthermore, at my direction, all facts concerning Mr. Weinberg's activities on the native land issue were submitted in a detailed letter to the Department of the Interior and a ruling was requested on the issue of whether Mr. Weinberg had a conflict of interest. Mr. Weinberg and I understood and stated publicly that he would receive no compensation for any services if it was determined that he had a conflict.

Under these circumstances, I am at a loss to understand why there has been a dispute concerning the role of counsel and counsel's fees, or why my motives, and those of my associates have been questioned.

I need not remind you that the AFN must develop its substantive position on the merits promptly. During the week of April 28, AFN representatives stated publicly in Washington that the Natives' position would be presented to the Senate in the near future. Furthermore hearings by the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs are scheduled to commence in a few weeks. Thus, it is imperative that the AFN, utilizing the best advice available, get on with the difficult task of formulating its position on substantive matters, as time is of the essence.

If I were satisfied that there would be an end to the controversy which has arisen, involving the relationship of various attorneys, and that all concerned would promptly devote their energies to making sure that the position of the Alaska Natives was properly formulated and presented, I would reconsider my withdrawal. The continuation of the controversy is bound to have the effect of diverting the Natives from consideration of the substantive issues.

It is still my conviction that if the land issue is to be resolved fairly and expeditiously it is imperative that the Natives maintain their cohesion, that they act together with one voice, that they proceed with dispatch, and that their energy and resources not be dissipated in collateral disputes.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Arthur J. Goldberg

SATELLITE TV

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national educational television," Gravel said. "Investment amounts indicate that the annual investment per pupil to bring educational television to every classroom in Alaska would be less than a taxi ride across Washington," he concluded.

Sen. Gravel also released a letter to NASA's administrator, Dr. Thomas O. Paine, in which the Senator requested evaluation of investment figures for various options in the India Program.

his resignation.

"In my humble estimation the Natives of Alaska desperately need the ability and prestige of a competent and dedicated attorney such as you, who has served his country in such prominence, competence and dignity," Pollock said.

The AFN leaders will meet again Saturday, more hopeful because of Goldberg's telegram. They now wish to achieve a unified position on settlement of the land claims, placing the highest priority on that matter.

CHEMAWA...

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May 4

Today I was checked out of the Marion Hotel and came back to campus at 11:30 a.m. I had dinner and supper there and Arlene and Quona Northway went to Portland Airport with me, also Robert Demit.

Its really nice to see all the children I know and I meet some children, too. I really like Chemawa. I used to miss home after one night, but this time I didn't miss home until Sunday morning.

While I was there I got to meet Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Matt who were teachers in Tetlin, 1946, and 47, and sure hope to see them again.

I got in Portland Airport 6:30 p.m. and left 7:45 p.m. and got to Seattle about 8:30 p.m., and we were supposed to leave 9:30, but our flight light went out so we left 11:30 p.m. to Fairbanks.

We came in May 5 at 1:00 a.m. Alaska Daylight Time. and today I leave for Cathedral Bluffs Lodge 11:00 a.m. and I stay over night there and May 6, 8:00 a.m. I came back home here to Tetlin and I really glad to be home again.

I really enjoyed my trip and also Chemawa. I don't care what they said for Chemawa, Oregon, but I'm telling you, I am all for Chemawa Indian School, Chemawa, Oregon. There's nothing we should change there.

Children learn lots there, not only reading and writing and spelling, but outdoor jobs and workshops. The boys and girls do lots, too. So our children are learning everything.