

"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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Guest Editorial—

Cheers For 73 Gang - Continuing Quality And Authenticity Pledged

Now that the dust has settled and everyone has had a chance to catch his breath, we can say that the 1973 World Eskimo-Indian Olympics was enthusiastically received by everyone and was a huge success under the extremely well-organized committee of chairman Chris Anderson.

A Torch-Carrying Foot Race which began this year's unique event was won by Peter Solomon who lit the traditional Native Lamps which signifies a perpetual flame of friendly competition, good sportsmanship and a determination amongst all native tribes to keep their culture strong with an endurance to withstand all obstacles. To further emphasize and honor Indian participation, one lamp burned seal oil, tended by Edith Tegoseak, Eskimo and the other, moose tallow which was tended by Poldine Carlo, Athabaskan.

The traditional native games included exciting new Indian games, such as the Greased Pole Walk, which made everyone gasp and laugh. Everyone was charmed by the Baby Contest and was held breathless with the beautiful Native Queens in their traditional native costumes who represented their tribes in a very dignified, graceful manner.

The Tundra Times, and it's Board of Directors, which sponsors the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics, are especially proud this year to have provided the opportunity for the Alaskan Natives to express themselves as our ancestors have for centuries, to make new friends and for old friends to get together again. We are, also, very appreciative of the volunteer assistance provided by Chairman Chris Anderson, his hard working committee and those from throughout the state who had the knowledge and understanding to make the rich cultural heritage of our native peoples a reality to themselves and others.

To stage the annual Olympics takes many, many long hours to attract everyone to Fairbanks by air, boat and road. Tundra Times pledges its full time support and dedication to uphold the quality and authenticity of our unique native games and sports which means so much for the extension of our native cultures to our own peoples and others.

— LAURA BERGT (TT Boardmember)

Olympics Show On Alaskan TV

Some of the outstanding athletes from this year's World Eskimo-Indian Olympics, (Reggie Joule, Lester Bodfish, Roger Kunayak and Fred Titus), plus Mrs. Bergt of the Tundra Times Board of Directors went to Los Angeles and appeared on Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show". The show was filmed on August 1st and will appear on Alaskan television according to the following schedule:

KENI — Anchorage — Wednesday, August 22
KFAR — Fairbanks — Wednesday, August 29
KINY — Juneau — Wednesday, September 5

Letters from Here and There

LUPC Tries To Find Solutions "Despite Obvious Inabilities"

Federal-State
Land Use Planning Commission
For Alaska

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August 6, 1973

Mr. Howard Rock, Editor
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Dear Howard:

This is in reference to a letter written by Mr. Gilbert Hendrickson, land planning department, Calista Corporation, dated July 19, 1973, entitled "Calista Speaks — LUPC Hard of Hearing."

We received the letter Mr. Hendrickson refers to on July 12, 1973 and made numerous attempts to have the letter translated. I think in fairness to the Commission members it should be pointed out that the letter was written in, as Mr. Nelson Angapak stated, "Old style —

like the missionaries taught, not in the new style Yupik as it is taught now in school." This might account for our inability to get it translated.

This letter is not written in defense of any commissioner, nor is it written in my own defense, because we discussed the letter very seriously and we are certainly aware of the seriousness of the communication problem that exists in many parts of rural Alaska. We don't have a solution to the problem, nor does anyone else seem to have the answer to this perplexing problem. We can only continue to work within the parameters of our sometimes obvious inabilities. Hopefully, we will all try to communicate to the best of our ability — two way communication — not devisive, nor derisive — but open, honest and to the point. The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act is difficult, as best, and if we intend to improve our chances of success we must

solicit support, not elicit retaliation.

Mr. Nelson Angapak was in our offices on August 1, 1973, discussing with Mr. Josephson, Mr. Bingham, Mrs. Wunnickie, and me, their problems relative to navigable waters, overlapping village withdrawals, etc. Mr. Angapak stated to expedite matters he would translate the letter for the Commission. We appreciate very much Mr. Angapak's assistance and spirit of cooperativeness.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this correspondence and I'm hopeful it shows that at least we tried.

Sincerely,

Clifford A. Black
Coordinator for Native Affairs

Smart Enough To Make Excuses, Smart Enough To Help Your People

July 23, 1973

To: All Alaskan Villages

I really don't know how to get a message across to you because 95 out of a 100 wouldn't stop to read this message even though this concerns the Land Claims Act. All regions need your help and they need it bad now. This is your chance to prove to yourself, if no one can, that you can do your share in helping your people have a better place to live.

We need young blood with some education to take the opportunities that are today, and take the training that is up for grabs, attend council, land, and money meetings, or any meeting that concerns your people that are in your village.

Get involved and make yourself proud to be an Indian of Alaska. Remember a few years back when everyone said that we need that high-school education so we can get a job and our people could live better.

Many of you got your education, even in high-school. Did you try to get that job? Did you try to make a better place for your people to live, or are you tipping that bottle of booze, living off mom and dad, and making an excuse with those food stamps? That is not life. That is no excuse for life.

We need at least 400 young men and women to help us administrate the affairs of our people throughout Alaska, so stop now and look at yourself. Do you really want to help your people or are you so full of bull that you can't see straight?

If you're smart enough to make excuses, then, you're smart enough to help your people. There are many smart Natives in Alaska and we need you now. Find out from your Regional Corporation and your own village how you can help. You will get paid even while in training, or working for your village. Most of the time the pay won't be much but it will get you by. If you don't want to get involved, then, you remember to keep your mouth shut because you will have no

Sincerely,
Wally Morton

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Lost VISTA Volunteer And an Old Eskimo Strange Encounter Leads Into Extensive Analysis of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

Land's End Village
State of Alaska
August 6, 1973

Dear Mr. Rock,

I have been following this last series of letters from Naugga Ciunerput to the Tundra Times with great interest. For an old man, it constantly amazes me how he is always thinking about these serious problems and he is never afraid to consider new evidence and new possibilities. One of the news items that has caught our attention is the Energy Crisis in the Lower 48 and the gasoline shortage.

In the Tundra Times it says that many Natives are in favor of the Alaska Oil Pipeline and that Native Leaders have gone to Washington to lobby for the Pipeline Construction Bill in Congress. It is interesting that both the Pipeline Bill and AN ACT are specifically aimed

against judicial review and litigation under law. Perhaps "justice" is not what the government is seeking in these cases, but rather "expediency" and getting on with "economic development."

If you remember, I wrote in an earlier letter that my father was a member of a conservation group that opposed the construction of an Alaskan pipeline. I had told him that this stand was anti-Native because half of their land settlement depended on oil revenues from this pipeline. Well, he has been sending me some newspaper clippings on the so-called Energy Crisis in the United States.

It seems that there is no shortage of refining capacity or crude oil supplies in Europe, for example, by American-owned companies that are rationing supplies in the U.S. They have been increasing their capacity overseas much faster than in the U.S.A. Then they advertise for more consumption in Europe, while blaming the gasoline shortage in the U.S. on the "wasteful" driving habits of the average citizen. My father says that if you watch T.V. commercials you would think that oil companies invented Ecology and were now going to teach everyone how to drive.

These same oil companies are charting the economic development and social progress of Alaska right now. Maybe we should ask the people of the North Slope Borough what kind of neighbors the wealthy oil companies really are.

It is very hard for me to be against the Alaska Oil Pipeline when I realize that the Native land claim settlement is so dependent on the oil revenue money. But when I read about the situation in other oil-producing areas of the world, a 2% royalty on oil with a \$500 million dollar upper limit seems to be a bad joke played on Native people. They will be pumping out oil for many years after the money for the Natives has dried up, and the pipeline will be the only monument.