

## What others say...

### *CITC opposes IHS plan to limit eligibility*

Mr. Richard J. McCloskey  
Indian Health Service

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

Per the announcement in the June 10, 1986 *Federal Register* regarding the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking please be advised tht the Cook Inlet Tribal Council is opposed to the proposed eligibility requirements for IHS services.

Recent statistics show that American Indians and Alaska Natives are still at the top of the every negative health measurement. Congress itself has identified that the Indian/Native population is in need of much improved health care. It seems ironic that in response to these identified problems that IHS is endeavoring to curtail services to a large number of Indian/Native people.

It should not be the decision of the federal government as to which tribal members should or should not be serv-

ed, based on a blood quantum. This seems to fly in the very face of Indian Self-Determination.

I might point out that, while you are correct that many tribes have adopted blood quantum for tribal membership in recent years, you completely fail to take into account that most of these tribes "grandfathered" all members previously enrolled who did not meet the new blood quantum. This was a conscious action taken by the members of the individual tribes and their elected leadership. That is Indian Self-Determination and it should not be tampered with or second-guessed from Washington, D.C.

While your motives may be good, this can only be seen in Indian Country as another step towards termination.

Respectfully,  
Cook Inlet Tribal Council  
Esther M. Combs  
Executive Director

### *Why did Randolph switch parties?*

To the editor:

Dick Randolph faithfully served the people of Alaska in the Legislature as a Republican from 1972 to 1974, but during those years, he saw the Republican party stray from its principles. It became, as Dick put it, a "moral compromising, power hungry, self-serving political system." In order to be true to traditional Republican principles, Dick had to leave the Republican party. He became a Libertarian.

In the chaotic years in the shadow of the Vietnam War, things were upside down. The Republican party began to sound like the Democratic party, and the Democratic party began to sound like the Socialist party. But Dick remained true to his principles.

In 1978 he was re-elected to the Legislature, this time as a Libertarian, and he was re-elected again in 1980 with the largest number of total votes of any of the candidates in the state of Alaska.

Because of Dick's bold action, and

the action of so many across the United States, the Republican party was jolted back on the track and the modern conservative movement was embraced by millions of Americans. Thanks to this the Republican party was re-directed in the direction of its traditional principles.

Since then, Dick has been proud to bear again the title of Republican. He is one of the multitude who helped save the Republican party from the wildfire of collectivist extremism, and his method was to help start a backfire of revolt against the left-moving influences in the party.

What we need now is not someone who fiddles while Alaska's future burns, but rather we need a governor who leads the effort to put out the political fires that seek to destroy our Alaskan heritage, and to save Alaska for Alaskans. That man is Dick Randolph.

Bobbie Darshay  
Fairbanks

### *Eagle River/Anchorage merger proposed*

To the editor:

Why hasn't ANYONE on the Assembly, or in the Hill Building, or in Eagle River propounded a MERGER between Eagle River and the Anchorage Bowl? It's a "NATURAL" union NOBODY has yet bothered to explore! After all the

exploration of trade between Alaska and the Pacific Rim countries, the potential of EXPLOITATION between the Anchorage Bowl and Eagle River remains UNEXPLORED! Our manifest destiny out here is a MERGER! No more broken rainbows!

We in Eagle River have GREAT ADVANTAGES the tired, poor, and huddled masses of the ANchorage Bowl don't even KNOW exist! We have TWO Dark Horse Stalls, with (get this!) TWO Assembly men giving us ADDED clout in the Head-quarter Library Assembly chambers!

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We even have an Indian reservation administered capably well by our present Mayor, with lots of GREEN we cannot own for homes down by the river — certainly NOT for WAMPUM or \$24! We have a septic ordinance that allocates LOTS of space for new homes, as befits land-strapped Anchorage Bowl emmigrants hungry for Olympic-pool size lots — and property taxes to match! We have choice avalanche hazard zones that make cheap land available for Anchorage Bowl Olympic enthusiasts who want ot build luge runs and giant slalom courses while avalanches sweep cars into Turnagain Arm! We even have a

rootin'-tootin' RANGE WAR over parking space for Anchorage Bowl tourists at the Visitors' Center! Eagle River even has tow very special MEA Directors who represent our interests so well that we pay the HIGHEST ELECTRIC RATES in ALL Southcentral Alaska!

I'm proud to live in the Municipality's REAL Last Frontier! And since our bed taxes benefit the Anchorage Bowl TREMENDOUSLY, I urge the Anchorage BOWL to consider the benefits of a MERGER! If it's only the Army's gravel preventing a merger move between the Bowl and Eagle River, I'm positive we can establish a STATUE so Ft. Richardson won't stand in the way! We in EageL River want YOU in the Anchorage Bowl to benefit!

Donald S. Mulder