

At Land's End Village—

The Old Eskimo

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Dear Howard,

A friend of mine left off some old copies of the Anchorage Daily Times, which told about the Secretary of Interior, Rogers C. B. Morton, and his fantastic Six Day/3,000 mile "Visit to Alaska" this past summer. It is certainly interesting to read old newspapers when you know what has really happened since then. One of the things that caught my eye was the following paragraph in an article about the Secretary's visit to Valdez:

"The secretary said the building of the pipeline was analogous to the construction of the pyramids of Egypt in that it is the most expensive and extensive man-made venture to date in history." ANCHORAGE DAILY TIMES, August 20, 1973 (page 2).

Well, I asked my friend Wally about the Egyptian pyramids — said that they were built by Egyptian Kings with slave labor for religious purposes like preserving the royal bodies as mummies. Maybe the Pipeline is being built by the Government for the religious purpose of preserving the American Economy, but now they won't need slaves since there are so many unemployed people.

When I read that passage to Wally he just laughed and asked me if the Pipeline would be visible from the Moon. He said that the Brazilian Government is building a 3,000 mile highway through the Amazon jungle which they claim will be one of the only man-made objects visible from the Moon. Wally also pointed out that the astronauts in the space satellite could see a big cloud of pollution from the Black Mesa power plant at Four Corners in the American Southwest.

Wally said that the Brazilians claim, they are opening the last frontier and integrating the Natives into the national society (and killing the rest). The Anchorage Daily Times said that Secretary Morton is visiting the last frontier and we can all see how Natives have been integrated into the American Way of Life. First they take our land, water, game, and fish — they our children — and if there is anything left they will build a museum or make a movie to preserve it.

Well Howard, I guess we will have our monument if they have a nice big oil spill. Maybe they will be able to see it all the way from the Moon or if there is enough oil maybe even from the top of one of the new office buildings in Anchorage.

Your friend,
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