

# LORD OF ALASKA

PART 1

Over the next year, we will be printing the book *Adventures in the Alaska Economy* as a serial. Every week we will present approximately one and a half pages. The book, an economics text presented in comic book form, is the result of a collaboration between economics professors Steve Jackstadt, Lee Huskey and artist John Dawson.

The book will be available after February, 1990 and may be obtained by calling the Alaska Council on Economic Education at 786-1901.

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## Episode II Lord of Alaska

By 1800 the Russians and Aleuts had almost wiped out the sea otter populations from Kodiak to Yakutat. Furs were harder to find and hunting expeditions became longer and more expensive. Both the English and Americans had entered the fur trade and were offering high prices to the Coastal Indians--the Tlingit and Haida--in exchange for furs. Where the Russians had formerly purchased furs with a few pounds of old iron, the Americans now offered two yards of cloth, a gun with ten cartridges (left over from the American Revolution), or four pounds of lead and gun powder for one otter skin. Competition was driving Aleut and Indian wages sky high!

WITH A LARGE FLEET OF BAIKARKAS, BARANOV SAILED INTO SITKA SOUND.



A LINE OF TALL, POWERFUL TLINGIT WARRIORS MET HIM, LED BY THEIR CHIEF.

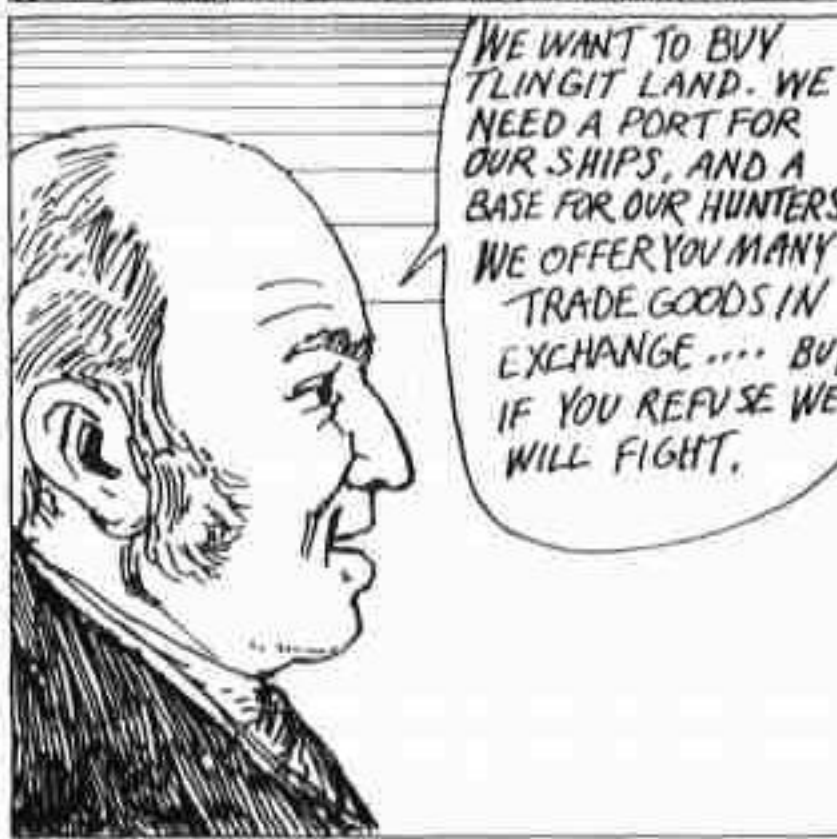


I AM BARANOV, LEADER OF THE RUSSIANS! I COME IN PEACE.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?



WE WANT TO BUY TLINGIT LAND. WE NEED A PORT FOR OUR SHIPS, AND A BASE FOR OUR HUNTERS. WE OFFER YOU MANY TRADE GOODS IN EXCHANGE .... BUT IF YOU REFUSE WE WILL FIGHT.



AMAZINGLY, THE TLINGIT ACCEPTED BARANOV'S OFFER. THEY DISLIKED THE RUSSIANS, BUT WANTED THE TRADE GOODS THEY COULD GET IN EXCHANGE FOR FURS.

BARANOV IMMEDIATELY SET US TO WORK BUILDING YET ANOTHER NEW SETTLEMENT OVERLOOKING SITKA SOUND.



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