

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Shungnak, Alaska

February 5, 1968

Dear Editor:

First of all, I want to say thanks for of being American and have all the freedom to say anything what I believe.

We have visitor here last week from Washington, D. C. that I sure proud of. She is secretary of our great Sen. Ernest Gruening, her name is Brenda Itta from Pt. Barrow. She was here and called up City Council and I am one of them and we told her what we want and need in Shungnak village. What I'm proud of her about when we don't understand long words of English she explains it in Eskimo. That's the kind of leaders we should have able to speak English and Eskimo and we told her some white men against our city rules.

And about this what I read in Tundra Times the Justice Dept. says Aleuts not identifiable Indian group for claims purposes; blames link to Eskimos.

Well, I want to say this. Aleuts are natives just like me they was there long before white man come even long before Mr. C. Columbus discovered North America. Aleuts are full citizens of United States. I know they have been drafted too for the U.S. Army in 1941-1942.

This morning little cold—62 below zero.

Elmer Armstrong was here too with Miss Itta they both speak English and Eskimo Elmer from Kotzebue, ASCAP worker.

Council of Shungnak City for 1968: James Commack, president; Charles A Sheldon; vice president; secretary, Rosaline Barr; treasurer, Napolen Black; Stanley Custer, member; Delbert Jackson, member; and Wesley Wood, member.

Sincerely,  
Charles A. Sheldon  
Vice. Pres., Shungnak  
City Council

Dear Editor:

I am an Eskimo. I was inspired to write this down.

I came from the past forgotten and unknown to me now. I am but a guest here on earth, a temporary stopover one of the two destinies, one of place of no ending and remorse, and a place of satisfaction and a home full of bliss. During this brief stopover, dawn of my life have gone by.

The noon time is upon me with all its environment, both good and evil. Soon the twilight, my short visit will be upon me. I will depart on the night train and wake up in another place.

Respectfully yours,  
Issac Eben



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