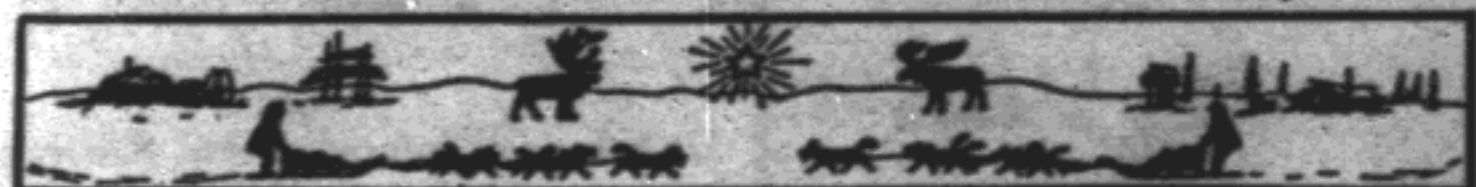


"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." - Voltaire

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RED MEN SET THE PATTERN . . .

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in 1492. Take away corn, tobacco, white potatoes, sweet potatoes, beans, peanuts, tomatoes, pumpkins, chocolate, cotton and rubber, and we're practically out of business. That's over half of our national farm income, and we got them all from the Indians.

Ask if anyone should ask you about Irish potatoes, Turkish tobacco, India Rubber and Egyptian cotton, you can tell him they're nothing but respectable old world names for American Indian products. It seems that in the old days things American were not looked upon with a great deal of favor by the self-styled superior Europeans, so they gave the new world products some old world names. And if it had not been for the rich Indian democratic traditions, it's hard to tell what kind of government we might have today. Voting for women, the idea of several states within a state (Federalism), the belief that Chiefs are servants of the people rather than their masters, and the insistence that the community must recognize the difference between men and their dreams and respect it, all were in practice here before Columbus landed. The Indians knew about hybrid corn, and when we finally woke up to it, it increased the yield 40 per cent.

Take the field of medicine. Where did we get quinine, cocaine, cascara, ipecac, witch hazel, oil of wintergreen, petroleum jelly and amica? All from the Indians! For 400 years physicians and botanists have been examining and analyzing the flora of America and they've yet to discover a single medicinal herb that was not known and used by the Indians.

Our love of the outdoors...the sun, water, tanned complexion, bodily beauty, athletic prowess and cleanliness can be added to the list. In fact, the first thing Queen Isabella attempted to do in her plan to civilize those so-called savages was to restrict them from bathing so often!

Playing ball was a game we learned from the Indians, and now psychiatrists are learning the Indians also had a lot on the ball when it came to child care. Anyway, it's interesting to learn that we taught the Indians a lot less than they taught us. When the first settlers saw the red men burning weeds and inhaling the smoke, they thought they were crazy; but that was a custom that caught on, too, and now millions of men and women all over the earth are daily following this quaint Indian practice.

By absorbing a lot of the Indian culture, attitudes and abundant products, the United States is completely different and unique as a nation, and the people are different, too, and the effect of the American Indian changed the manners and customs of people all over the world.

-From the St. Christopher's Mission bulletin, Bluff, Utah.
-The NAVAJO TIMES

Letters to the Editor

September 8, 1967

Dear Editor:

I got your address from a teacher of mine and I thought of writing to you to get a pen-pal from your lovely country.

My name is D. H. Amendra and I am 16 years old. My hobbies and collecting stamps, view-cards and correspondence. I would like to get pen-pals from U.S.A. Iceland and Alaska.

I would be very grateful to you if you will publish my address in your paper.

Thanking you,
Yours obediently
D. H. Amendra

My Address.

Ranjith Amendra
Studio Devika
High Level Road
Maharagama
Ceylon

August 25, 1967

Dear Mr. Rock:

We had a nice time on our vacation. We saw many interesting things and learned many things in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba (Canada.) Also in Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota (U.S.A.).

In Minnesota we saw our relatives and they were as glad to see us as we were to see them. My Mom played her trombone and my Dad played his trumpet in church and at the Hymn Sing in Como Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. We five children sang some songs in Tlingit Indian, Spanish, English, and Korean.

Our family just couldn't stand the weather because it was too hot for us down south. Sometimes we had some rain and it cooled off a little bit. In Minnesota when it rains, it rains real hard, and thunders, and there is lightening too.

We thought we would come back home during the first week of August so I didn't write to you to quit sending the July papers till I come back. But when I found out that the trip was going to take a longer time, then it was too late to write to you. When I came home there were 320 papers to sell. I tried to sell all of them, but I couldn't. I sold 140 papers and what should I do with the remainder? Enclosed is a check for the papers that were sold.

All of us are sorry to hear of all the trouble that Fairbanks has had because of the flood. When do they think that you all can return to your homes and jobs? We are sorry that you folks got flooded.

Sincerely,
Harold Riach

California has the largest number of veterans of the 50 states, 2,749,000. New York is second with 2,445,000 veterans, and Pennsylvania third with 1,684,000. Other states with more than one million veterans are Illinois, 1.48 million; Ohio, 1.43 million; Texas, 1.28 million; and Michigan, 1.09 million, the Veterans Administration reports.

Federation Footnotes—

Notti Watches FAA Action at Hearing

By EMIL NOTTI
President
Alaska Federation of Natives

The state director for the Bureau of Land Management, Burton Silcock, deserves a round of applause for sending 320 native men to fight fires in the South 48. For years, men have been coming to Alaska to fight fires but this is the first time that any Alaska natives have gone south to fight fires.

Because of a disastrous fishing season and a poor construction season, the money these men bring back to the villages will mean a great deal this winter.

The reports coming back from the fire line is that these men are doing an outstanding job.

OVERPOPULATION?

There is a great deal of concern about overpopulation. Because there is worry of overpopulation, there are those who push for a solution to the problem. In the Western and Northern parts of Alaska, there is an estimated 30,000 people mostly Indian and Eskimo.

In an area where it is possible to travel hundreds of miles and never see a village, it seems strange that there is concern for overpopulation. But there are outsiders in the villages who are advising the use of the "pill" and in some areas there are many young women using the "pill" for no medical reason other than that they were told that they should.

Unless the person specifically asks for birth control help, I don't think it is anyone's privilege to advise for its use. For those who advocate its use and indiscriminately dispense these pills, I feel it is too bad that their parents did not feel the way they do.

\$21-PER-DAY WITNESSES

On August 19, I sat in all day on hearings and watched government machinery in action trying to grind up one

small independent operator. The air taxi operator was Billy Gregorioff. The government machine was the Federal Aviation Administration.

Billy was charged by the FAA with several counts of operating outside of established safety regulations.

The frightening thing about the proceedings was the expense the government went through to try to prove their point.

The FAA brought 15 witnesses to Anchorage at \$21 per day for five days. They brought a witness from as far away as California. To line up witnesses and obtain statements, the FAA chartered a twin engine Widgeon at \$105 per hour.

To bring their witnesses to Anchorage, they used a FAA DC3 and chartered a Cessna 402 which rents for \$135 per hour. The FAA sent a plane down on another trip to pick up Billy Gregorioff and his witnesses. There were six in the party.

The pilot stated that he carried more than four, he would be overloaded. After a radio call to Anchorage, he carried all six. An interesting question is—did the FAA fly out of Iliamna overloaded outside of established safety limits?

The FAA also remoted the Iliamna FSS to King Salmon for five days during the hearings while their people were in Anchorage. By not having people at the station, did they jeopardize air safety in the area? If not, maybe they don't need anyone there at all.

The question here seems to be where is the line between the FAA protecting the traveling public and to what expense will the FAA go to protect their employees who became involved in personal grudges in the bush.

From what I say, it appears that a personal grudge precipitated the unnecessary investigation and expense to the government.

Young Girl Reports Nevada Events

(Editor's Note: letter was written to Mrs. Dolly Malley of Northward Building, Fairbanks.)

Box 174
Dayton, Nevada 89803
Date 3, "67"

Dear Grandma,

How are you? I'm fine. Tell grandpa hi for me.

Guess what? Daddy is taking care of six horses and two are rideable really three are rideable but one cut her leg real bad on barbwire. Daddy bought a horse for \$85. He is going to buy 10 of them before summer for rideing stables. Then he is going to buy me a horse of my very own by next fall.

Janupo is as cute as ever. He and Rosey Toni's burro are lovers. You know how that goes!

"Oh" Gess who I saw today? "Phill," he looks as good as ever too.

I head about your Restaurant I hope it turns out "O" "K".

The Carson City Nugget was robbed \$55,000. Mama had just quit work at the Nugget.

But this one girl that mama worked with got a gun stuck in her ribs and was handcuffed to the wall. Another girl mom worked with he handed her a note and said to keep quiet or they were in trouble LIKE Ded!

Well I've run out of time and things to say.

P.S. Miss you all and love you too.

P.P.S. Nito's dog had 7 pups. 2 or 3 weeks ago.

P.P.S.S. We had a flash flood.

Love,
Donna Cesark