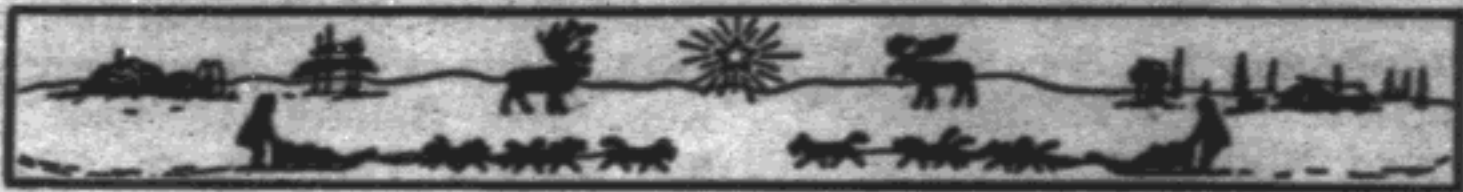


"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." - Voltaire

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POLITICAL PITFALLS...

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psychology and their maneuvers in the field of politics can sway the people in any political entity. These are the skilled tacticians who know the science of politics and who are ready to pounce on those who are politically naive, or those who are new to politics, and pull the wool over their eyes so they can use them for their own ends. The master politicians' seemingly painless maneuvers can become painful in the end to the politically naive.

Politics rule the world, the nations, states, their cities, towns and villages. No one can escape its influences and no one will in the future. We have to live with it through every day of our lives. Since this is so, we must learn the best way to get along with it and try hard to learn its complex mechanisms. Good knowledge of it can gain for us the best way to use it to benefit us—better yet, a thorough knowledge of it. By knowing what it can do will help us to avoid the pitfalls that it can bring.

Politics has diverse qualities. It can be tricky. It can backfire. Its victims can be snatched from the pinnacles of achievement to oblivion. It can destroy those who would use it for their own selfish ends. It can give false directions and by devious ways end up at an unexpected destination. These pitfalls should be heeded always. To become a party to them can mean unpleasant consequences to persons involved.

Politics, however, has good sides to it. Its wise use can be honorable, farsighted and beneficial to those who would respect its better potentials. It can develop good things—useful things in our villages, towns and cities. The proper and careful utilization of it is a stepping stone to greatness. This must mean that those persons who would wield its use should have the values of humanity in view as one of the first necessary guidelines in the service of their communities. This should be clearly and sincerely understood by our native political aspirants. It can become an inspiration to serve their people well in the future.

Townsite Trustee Gustafson to Travel to Kaktovik May 16

George E. M. Gustafson, Townsite Trustee for the Kaktovik Townsite, Alaska, U. S. Survey 4234, will be in Kaktovik on or about May 16, 1968.

His visit will be to assist applicants in completing applications for the Townsite Trustee's Lot Awards within the townsite. He will endeavor to personally contact the individual occupants during his visit.

Only those who are occupants or were entitled to such occupancy on

October 11, 1966, the date of acceptance of the subdivisional plat of survey of Kaktovik Townsite, or their assigns thereafter, are entitled to the allotments, as provided in the Townsite Trustee's Lot Awards Notice, which is posted in various public locations in Kaktovik Townsite for public review.

All who were not occupants of the lots claimed at the time of the subdivisional survey in the field must be able to substantiate their claims proving chain of title.

AVEC Searching For Manager

According to Sen. Ernest Gruening, an announcement in the Rural Electric Newsletter, the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, a newly formed system which will eventually provide electric service to 67 isolated villages in remote areas all over the state, is looking for a manager for its operation.

Work on setting up the co-op is already underway. The next step the board hopes to accomplish is the hiring of a manager.

The board will be meeting during the third and fourth weeks of April to interview qualified applicants.

Those interested should write James Hoffman, 1161 Westbury, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. Applicants should use REA form 328 or send a complete resume.

The unique co-op is being formed through a partnership of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Rural Electrification Administration, the Departments of Labor and Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs), and the State of Alaska.

It will have a membership consisting entirely of people in the villages receiving service, mostly Alaska natives.

Letters to the Editor

Wainwright, Alaska
April 6, 1968

Dear Sir:

My name is Ben Hopson, Jr. I am 13 years old. My teacher's name is Mr. Fisher. I always drive dogs. I have six dogs. I haul beach coal for my Grandma and Grandpa. I also haul ice from the ice pond.

Mrs. Fisher gave me some Tundra Times today in the afternoon and I sold them already the same day. I sold all 20 of them. Five families get this Tundra Times every week. I wish you could send me 20 more Tundra Times. (What Ben means is that he wants 20 of each week's issues—Editor)

And on Christmas week I won the three-dog race. With my uncle's dogs named Benny Ahmaogak. He won all the races in December all three of them and his wife won all races too all two of the races.

When the men had the 12 miles race he timed 35 minutes with five dogs. He did not use the other eight dogs.

Sincerely yours,
Ben Hopson, Jr.

Poetry— BEAUTY

Beauty skin deep
Is very thin indeed.
Beauty thicker than that
Is personality.
It activates the muscles
Underneath the skin
And bring on a friendly smile,
Generating a pleasant
fragrance—
Sensed by human's innermost
part.

—ISAAC EBEN

Engstrom Takes Notice Of Gruening Statement

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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April 10, 1968

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the statement of Senator Gruening concerning his opposition to the land freeze imposed by the Secretary of the Interior. He said that the reason for his stand was the fact that homesteaders could not get title to the land they occupy. This is not true, since homesteaders in most cases are exempted by the Secretary of the Interior from the land freeze ruling. Also land claimed by homesteaders is only a small fraction of the land affected.

The real contest is not between homesteaders and the Federal Government, but between the selections of the State of Alaska and the Federal Government. The State has received tentative approval to 18 million acres out of an entitlement of 103 million acres. It is important to get a land claims bill through Congress as soon as possible so that the native people have a chance to select some of the land that is still open.

Without the land freeze there would be no effective attempts in Congress on a land claims bill. It is my opinion that interest in native land claims legislation has only arisen because of the land freeze. Senator Gruening himself has introduced by request three different bills on this subject. Hopefully Congress will pass a land claims bill, so that the native people will soon have an opportunity to select land, and be compensated for the land taken by the State or kept by the Federal Government.

It is my opinion that we must have the land freeze, at least until Congress shows whether or not it will enact land claims legislation. Senator Gruening said that he doubted whether anything would be done this year. Then next year should be the target date. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
Elton Engstrom

Sleek Swedish-Built Ferry to Join Alaska Marine Highway Fleet

JUNEAU—Gov. Walter J. Hickel announced last Friday that the state has agreed to purchase a Swedish-built, ocean-going passenger-auto ferry for use on the Alaska Marine Highway System.

The vessel, the 363-foot "Britannica," will be purchased at a price of \$6,960,000 delivered in Seattle.

The contract calls for delivery in Seattle by June 1. The Governor said the new ferryliner will join the three ships presently operating in Southeastern Alaska and on the run between Southeastern and Puget Sound.

At the same time, Hickel disclosed that the state has decided definitely on utilizing Seattle's port facilities for the southern terminus of the new Alaska-Washington ferry run.

"We have picked Seattle," the Governor said, "because it is the hub of transportation between the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. This will permit the most convenient transfer of passengers from the air, rail and highway facilities in Seattle, to the Alaska-bound ferries."

Hickel said the Britannica will operate either between Seattle and Prince Rupert, B.C., or between Prince Rupert and Haines, the northern terminus of the state ferry system. The ship may also be operated on both runs on an alternate basis.

By operating the ferry between U. S. and Canadian ports, the state is freed from restrictions of the federal maritime Jones Act which prohibits shipping between American ports on foreign

flag or foreign-built vessels.

"Let there be no mistake about this one point," Hickel said. "We will operate the Britannica between a U. S. port and a Canadian port in order to maintain the tremendously successful marine service we have inaugurated to Puget Sound."

"However, we are as determined as ever to continue to press for a change in the Jones Act which will permit the state of Alaska to operate all of its vessels—including the foreign-built ferryliner—freely between all of our ports."

The Governor said work in Seattle to prepare the ferry for its Alaskan duty will take about two weeks. It will go into service in late June to early July.

The Governor said the Britannica is capable of 23 knots. It will cruise at about 18 knots on its voyage from Goteborg, Sweden, where it is presently based.

The 5,300 ton twin-screw vessel is equipped with fin stabilizers and bow thrusters, and is outfitted for open seas operation. It carries a "Plus 100 A-1" maritime insurance rating with Lloyds of London.

Its two diesel engines develop a total of 17,000

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