

"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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## Editorial—

### It Should Never Be Construed . . .

Hugh Nicholls wrote to the editor of this newspaper this week and set down his thoughts on a matter that comes to the fore on occasions. When the subject in question comes up, it usually emerges in a mixture of sarcasm and "look what we are doing for you" manner. Although it may have emanated from the people who dispense the service at times, it has also emanated from ordinary people in our population. When it does come up, it can be highly discomforting indeed.

Hugh Nicholls wrote:

"It should never be construed by anyone that the Alaska Native Health Service and the United States Public Health Service Indian Health Division, are forms of charity and welfare benevolently bestowed upon the aboriginal population.

"This is a service dearly bought and paid for with the blood of bygone American Indians in defense of their homelands and reflected in treaties between the United States government and the various original American Nations.

"That this service is a right, dearly bought, and not a charitable act of conscience appeasement, should never be overlooked by any employee, no matter what his office, of the U. S. Public Health Service.

"Upon a plaque at the main entry of every Indian Health Service installation should be inscribed the words, 'The medical service offered by this facility are a right and privilege granted the original American in recognition of his struggle to protect himself against the advances of an alien civilization.'"

## AFN MEET AT ANCHORAGE . . .

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last week was attended by Seraphim Stephan and Leon Chuit from Tyonek, Don Wright of Cook Inlet Native Association, and Elva Naanes of AFN.

The entire constitution and by-laws of AFN was reviewed verbatim in Eskimo interpreted by Phillip Guy and Honorable Senator Ray Christiansen. There were 32 representatives and chiefs of 52 villages from the lower Yukon and Kuskokwim River areas at the meeting. Minor amendments to the constitution will be recommended at the October AFN meeting by the chiefs.

## CONCERN

Clifford Grah, attorney for Kuskokwim Valley Native Association, made a report on land claims and the importance of Native Unity on a statewide basis. Nathan Toots also made recommendations for future consideration.

Statewide native concern is focussed on the \$44,000 appropriated for Rural Affairs and resolutions are being passed requesting the Governor to authorize transportation expenses for all chiefs and leaders from villages in the State.

The meeting could be important to the state and native people if a true compromise bill is a result of this meeting.

## LETTERS to EDITOR

Alaska State Community Action Program, Inc.  
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September 27, 1967

Mr. Howard Rock  
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Dear Howard:

I would like to congratulate you on your editorial of September 22, and I appreciate the fact your paper is able to say those things that have to be said.

I am inclined to agree that a regional concept must be considered in approaching problems and providing solutions, whether it be from the Indian desks or revamping the present set-up.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Richard Stitt  
S. E. Coordinator

## UA's Grant to Allow Study of Northern Lights

The University of Alaska's Geophysical Institute has received a \$24,434 grant to install and operate instruments aboard a research plane that will record observations of the aurora borealis.

The grant was provided by the National Aeronautical Space Administration. The plane is a Convair 990 jet, owned by NASA and based at Moffet Field in California.

The observations to be made by Institute personnel will provide information on the way the brightness of the light coming from atomic oxygen and molecular nitrogen emissions in the aurora changes with altitude.

These observations, according to Professors W. B. Murcray and Gerald Romick of the Institute staff, are important in studies of electrons coming into the atmosphere at altitudes above 60 miles.

The research plane will be used in a series of flights out of Ft. Churchill, Canada that will follow two kinds of paths: one along the general direction of the aurora from Ft. Churchill to Fairbanks and back and the other in a north-south direction from south of Ft. Churchill to the magnetic pole.

## Poetry—

### Battle Won Is Lost

They said, "You are no longer a lad," I nodded.  
They said, "Enter the council lodge," I sat.  
They said, "Our lands are at stake," I scowled.  
They said, "We are at war," I hated.  
They said, "Prepare red war symbols," I painted.  
They said, "Count coups," I scalped.  
They said, "You'll see friends die," I cringed.  
They said, "Desperate warriors fight best," I charged.  
They said, "Some will be wounded," I bled.  
They said, "To die is glorious," They lied.

—PHIL GEORGE

## Other Voices—

### Cultural Heritage Stressed in School

Educators on the Navajo reservation have come to recognize that Navajo culture plays an important part in the education of the Navajo child. At the same time, the teachers themselves have realized that a bi-cultural background is not only desirable but a necessity in the education of Navajo children. More emphasis is being placed on language and culture all the time. A Navajo reservation school—the Rough Rock Demonstration School—has as the foundation of its program the accent of Navajo culture and language. Said Dr. Robert A. Roessel Jr., director of the school: "We want to instill in our youngsters a sense of pride in being Indian. We want to show them that they can be Indian and American at the same time, that they can take the best from each way of life and combine it into something viable."

The various institutes, workshops and orientations held in the area this summer have all stressed Navajo culture and language. In most of these workshops, Anglos are used as instructors in the Navajo language. There is a growing body of non-Navajos who are becoming proficient in the Navajo language, which makes not only better teachers out of them but gives them a true insight into Navajo culture.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is setting a trend in this field. A Navajo social studies unit is being worked up at the present time by the University of New Mexico under contract with the Navajo Area of the BIA. When completed, this unit will be incorporated in both Bureau and public schools on the reservation. This unit will stress the history, customs and legends of the Navajo people—a rich history filled with the exploits of such leaders as Barboncito, Manuelito and Black Horse.

These teaching trends are of the utmost importance. Bi-culturally oriented teachers are of the utmost importance. This trend will result in well-adjusted students who are proud of their ancestry and history and immediate cultural background. The end result will be a higher rate of scholastic accomplishment on the part of Navajo students.

—THE NAVAJO TIMES

## Improve Ferry, Hwy. North from Juneau

JUNEAU—Governor Walter J. Hickel announced last week that the Departments of Highways and Public Works are proceeding jointly toward the improvement of ferry and highway service north from Juneau.

Improvements include an extension of the Glacier Highway to Berner's Bay and a shuttle ferry from Berner's Bay to St. James Bay on the west coast of Lynn Canal.

A highway is then to proceed to Haines to a connection with the Haines Highway into Canada and Central and Western Alaska.

With completion of the highway system to Haines and the use of the first ferry across Lynn Canal there will be established an initial capacity of approximately 500 vehicles per day.

As traffic increases warrant, an additional vessel can be added to keep pace with the traffic demand at relatively minor cost.

Ferry connections can be made at Lynn Canal from either direction on approximately 2-1/2 hour intervals.

To continue and improve service to Skagway, a ferry will be put on shuttle service between that city and Haines. It is expected that four round trip runs per day can be accomplished between these two cities.

This will provide an overall service of much more convenience and capacity to Skagway, Haines and Port Chilkoot. It will also provide a more direct connection from the capital city of Alaska with the balance of the state.

Upon completion of the highway-ferry system in about 1974 and the addition of the mainline vessel now planned for construction, the

Marine Highway system will have approximately a 50% increase in capacity.

An increase is vitally needed since the demand this year has proven that existing capacity is sorely taxed, according to the Governor.

"It is expected that demand will continue to increase as the tourist industry and the economy of southeastern Alaska continue to grow," he said.

Governor Hickey stated "We have high expectations in the growth of the cities and industry along the Southeastern marine highway and this administration intends to keep the necessary transportation system in pace with this growth in the most expeditious manner possible."

The highway-ferry system is expected to be completed and in operation by 1974.

## AHA to Have 3 Representatives at AHAV Program

The Alaska Heart Association will have three representatives attending the American Heart Association Volunteers in Training Program this weekend in Chicago, announced Thomas B. Stewart, President of Alaska Heart.

Representing the Fairbanks area will be Mrs. Bonnie Cysewski; the Anchorage area, Mr. Stanley Molitor; and the Juneau area, Mrs. Virginia Blanchard.

Upon their return to Alaska, these three volunteers will share their learning experience with other volunteers in their respective areas, said Mr. Stewart.