

"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— AFN Monthly Meetings

We have become aware that the monthly meetings of the Alaska Federation of Natives' board in locales other than Anchorage are beneficial to the AFN itself and to the native people in places like Barrow and Bethel. These assemblies in rural areas are giving the rural people a chance to see how their statewide native organization operates and the meetings are giving the rural folks a chance to participate in the workings of the federation.

We do not know at the moment who thought of the idea but whoever he was, he should be commended highly for the bright and pregnant idea. This manner of conducting AFN board meetings, especially at this particular time when the native land claims issue is foremost, give the rural areas a chance to be more informed on a situation that is most important and which will deeply involve the native people in the bush.

The AFN monthly meetings are expensive whether they are held in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Bethel, Barrow, Nome or Shaktolik. There is a chance, however, that they might actually be a bit cheaper to hold them in the bush.

At any rate, the meetings in the rural areas is probably giving the statewide group a much better image than it formerly had.

Editor Joins— Invited to Join IPA

TUNDRA TIMES editor Howard Rock has been invited to membership in the International Platform Association, one of the nation's most influential and prestigious organizations of men and women interested in the spoken and written word.

The IPA, the modern day descendant of the American Lyceum Association dates back to its founding by Daniel Webster in 1826. Its roster includes a varied and active selection of

this nation's leaders.

On its rolls have been most of the U.S. Presidents since Teddy Roosevelt and a host of outstanding names in journalism, politics, business, the communications and entertainment industries.

President of the IPA is Victor Borge and among its officers are Lowell Thomas, Glenn Seaborg, Dan Tyler Moore, Ambassador Julio Sanjines-Goytia and Senator Clarence Dill.

Book: Columbus Did Not Discover

By MADELYN SHULMAN
Staff Writer

"Let us begin with this fact: Columbus did NOT discover America." Yet, for the native American people who inhabited the continent that Columbus claimed credit for, 1492 marked the beginning of their flight for survival.

"Native Americans: The New Indian Resistance (Little New World Paperbacks, \$1.25) is a short account of the Indian side of American history which tries to document centuries of Indian resistance against white civilization.

According to a publisher's blurb on the back of the book "Meyer explodes the myth of the beneficent and humane white man." If, in this day of movies like LITTLE BIG MAN and a score of books indicting American conduct towards American Indians, there is a white reader who continues to believe in the myth of human white domination, this book is direc-

ted to him.

However, 90 pages isn't a great deal of room to document the course of white oppression and Indian resistance.

Meyer begins his account with evidences of Indian contacts with other nations many centuries before Columbus and his three little ships.

In 485 A.D., according to documents from Imperial China, a group of Buddhist priests traveled to what is now the Western U.S. and Mexico and met with the Indian tribes there.

Accidental visits by Japanese sailors and Viking adventurers came long before Columbus, without any threat to the Indian peoples they met.

It was the emergence of the ages of exploration and colonialism in Western Europe that first posed a threat to the Indian's culture and life style. Western Christianity was a missionary religion, convinced of its own self-righteousness.

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City Should Not Neglect Southside

By MADELYN SHULMAN

"Will Fairbanks allow its Southside to develop into another 'Watts' as occurred in California or will it come forth with a carefully conceived plan of action to constructively integrate the people of this area economically, politically and socially into the main stream of its community."

A quote from a federal proposal? A government or scientific report? No, this is the disturbing question asked by the after dinner speaker at a Masonic convention dinner on July 19, 1971. As the most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand lodge members settled down for their coffee and sweets after a dinner at Traveler's Inn, they may have expected bright jokes and entertaining anecdotes. Instead, courtesy of Dr. R. London Smith, they were faced with disturbing questions about racism in Fairbanks.

"How many minority members of this community do we have in the main stream of business," the professor asked. How many, he asked, are professionals, technicians, supervisors? How many are trapped in the lowest jobs or living on welfare?

For the reasons behind these disturbing questions, TUNDRA TIMES interviewed Professor R. London Smith, professor of political science and assistant director of Research and Planning at the University of Alaska.

Dr. Smith, we found; has been a resident of Fairbanks since his retirement from the Air Force in 1967. Before that, he spent two 3 year tours at Elmendorf Air Force Base, teaching at Anchorage Community College among his other activities. In Washington, his last assignment was as assistant executive director of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. In 1968, he was dean of the Business, Economics and Government School of the University of Alaska.

Professor Smith is black. He, and his wife, are members of the intellectual elite. (Mrs. Smith is a professor of home economics at U.A.) Yet, he believes security in this society is determined by a man's possession of "good American dollars." So he tells his children.

Dr. Smith's concerns as a member of a minority group within a minority group (a black intellectual) focus on economics. The man, or woman, who is part of the main stream, has escaped from the taint of the ghetto.

As a member of those who have much to lose, he fears most a society which almost methodically disenfranchises the black, the native, the Indian, the chican, from the economic and social mainstream.

In doing this, he fears America may be plotting its own demise. They are creating a people with no stake in their society.

In July of this year, Professor Smith felt the "time was appropriate to alert people of this area to a very serious matter."

Interior Alaska is developing its ghettos—its prisons of men and women without hope. They occur on the Southside of Fairbanks, in many other places.

If Alaskans should ignore 'the Southside' and let its serious social problems go unattended

Jeane Dixon— Predictions

By JEANE DIXON

PEOPLE

Lyndon Johnson—Regardless of any mistakes former President Johnson has been accused of, he will prove himself a greater statesman now than ever before.

Lyndon Johnson is just now beginning to realize the full import of the doublecross given him by some former members of his own administration as well as higher-ups in his political party.

I pick up vibrations indicating he is most interested in helping President Nixon adjust the economy and bring the country safely through. In fact, it will become increasingly difficult to determine whether Lyndon Johnson is politically a De-

mocrat or a Republican.

I feel sure LBJ gave his blessing to John Connally when he accepted the appointment as secretary of the Treasury.

Martha Mitchell—will continue to give her opinions. The public should heed them and always read between the lines because she is trying to give us, the American people, a knowledge of the issues and trying to alert us to people who do not place their country foremost. Mrs. Mitchell has great psychic and intuitive abilities, and when her husband retires from public office in the years to come, Martha will have a syndicated column, write a very interesting book, and go down in history as one of America's great, patriotic ladies.



Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

Your birthday today: Finds you in the midst of a campaign to reorganize scattered efforts. In a few months more you should be able to consolidate your career or vocational activities on an improved level of efficiency and better earnings. Today's natives generally like to revise existing systems, rebuild social organizations.

Aries [March 21-April 19]: Just as something good works out you are reminded to avoid boasting or trying to rest on your laurels.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]: Let others carry their share of the action. Spread the news of your doings, claim credit for what you've done well.

Gemini [May 21-June 20]: Most of your ideas are out of reach, ahead or behind time, so select and use the simplest and most feasible. Personal advance is indicated for you.

Cancer [June 21-July 22]: Prompt response to any invitation is essential even if you can get only part of what is offered.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Take your time; meaningful contacts promise to evolve from even ordinary routine. You'll

be proud of holding your temper, if provoked.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]: Your money takes wings on the least excuse. Keep your budget intact.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: Communications at best are scrambled today—people assume considerable information you have never heard and hear what they'd like to hear. Keep all stories simple.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: All things turn a bit toward your goals. Try for new business contacts.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: Going it alone is the hard way. Make sure you have somebody in agreement, proceed with due caution but with definite determination.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]: Today's criticism may be uncomfortable but you must listen. Quiet, corrective action gives you an improved status.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: Much of today's action proves unpopular, including some for which you've taken credit. Trying to place the blame elsewhere won't help.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: There's a high premium on knowing precisely what you do want, plus additional honors for wanting something practical.

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"then let me assure you that no amount of law enforcement agencies will be able through repressive measures to keep our streets safe, our homes happy..."

Law enforcement, says Professor Smith, was never intended to be capable of picking up the garbage when our social system fails.

"We have nothing to gain by institutionalizing and maintaining demasculated males in any group of people," Smith's speech went on, by condemning people to "a constant, searing, endless hell" in life.

What is the solution to the problem? It is not, Smith says, that personnel officers are over-

whelmingly honest, well-meaning people who would go out of their way to give qualified native, black or other minority applicants a chance at good jobs.

"The problem is that we must reallocate our resources to train people for jobs, and retrain them constantly to keep up with changing technology and job markets. It involves a whole reallocation of resources." A whole new direction for a society.

If the problem of a disenfranchised minority is ignored, he fears, Fairbanks may grow another Watts, or Newark or Detroit before it learns the lessons many other cities have learned too painfully and too late.