

## Flore Lekanof On Amchitka

Proposed nuclear detonations on Amchitka Island, on the Aleutian Chain, has received national attention.

A number of Alaskans, including Senator Mike Gravel and former Governor William Egan, have voiced concern over a suggested correlation between the atomic explosions and increased earthquake activity.

Appearing recently on national television was Flore Lekanof, president of the Aleut League. In presenting the natives' perspective on ABC News, Lekanof urged that caution be exercised until a study is completed and its conclusions are made public.

Stating this, Lekanof added, "When they are through with the project out there, we want the island back to its original owners."

## 'Men of the Tundra'—

# Muktuk Marston Book Rated 'Sleeper'

Marvin R. Marston, much better known as Muktuk Marston, has written a book that promises to be one of the most popular ever to hit the book market in some time.

The book, "MEN OF THE TUNDRA," narrates the exploits of the Alaska territorial Guard following the days when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. The storied ATG consisted of the native men of Alaska, mostly Eskimos of the Arctic region of Alaska.

"There were 3,000 of them and not a single one of them refused to serve," said Muktuk Marston recently in Anchorage.

The Publishers Weekly, FORECASTS, has already written glowing review on Muktuk's book. The Forecast stated:

"Marvin R. Marston, USAF,

Ret., has written a perfect sleeper of a book in this very personal account—which is also one of the truest pictures of the Eskimo people we've read in a long time—of his adventures in northern Alaska following Pearl Harbor.

"It was Marston (Muktuk, his Eskimo name, was earned in an Eskimo whale-blubber eating competition) who, virtually singlehandedly, organized the Eskimos—the men of the tundra—into the Alaskan Territorial Guard.

"This simple, good, genuinely patriotic man bucked what must be the most slow-moving glacier in order to form the ATG in defense against possible Japanese invasion.

"His delightfully written ac-

count of this trip across 1,000 miles of frozen tundra to enlist men from some 154 Eskimo villages is a unique adventure story, richly descriptive full of surprises, humorous and altogether winning."

Other source point to a sparkling success of the MEN OF THE TUNDRA.

Walt Disney studios has already queried about the book as has the Readers Digest and the Army Library as well as a very large order from Alaska.

The book is profusely illustrated with pictures of the ATG members and pictures of Muktuk Marston.

"At the end of the book there are 3,000 names of the Territorial Guardsmen," said Muktuk. "Each one of them should own the book. It is about them

and for them. I think all the congressional members should own the book also. It would help them understand Alaska."

The Men of the Tundra has been put on the market by the October House, Inc., publishers, at 55 West Thirteenth St., New York, 10011. The price is \$6.95.

Last week, Muktuk held autograph sessions at the Book Cache in Anchorage.

"They are on the market here and going big," said Muktuk in Anchorage.

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in College near Fairbanks. The difference from those of the Eskimo dolls are the beaded moosehide mittens and moosehide soles on the footwear.

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