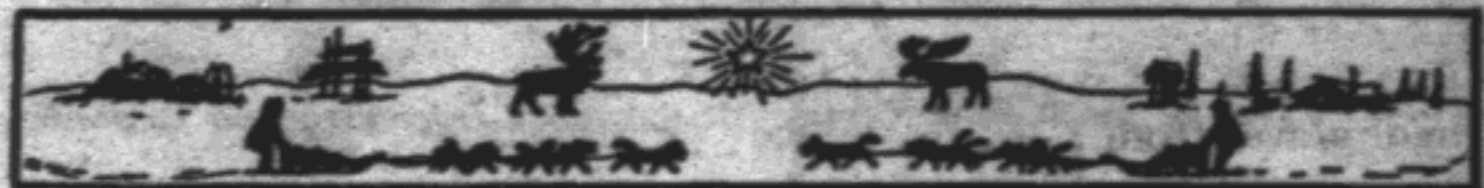


"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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## Should Always Be...

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spoken when it felt it must.

The newspaper has stuck its neck out—far out sometimes—many times fully expecting it to be chopped off. It did this all for the sake of our native people. It has stuck its neck out into areas of power and dared to fight for the good of the natives when it felt that some treatment of our people was not quite right. It fought hard and in many cases, influenced efforts to right wrongs. Look about and see improvements being made and in those improvements, Tundra Times probably had its finger in the resulting effort.

The nature of the Tundra Times is not to brag about things it has done but it has found out that no one else, in many cases, will do so either. As distasteful as it seems to us to brag a bit we feel we must at times so our people can be more aware of what we are trying to do. Otherwise, we'll get lost in the shuffle and we'll be taken for granted. Many times our people seem to take us with an attitude of, "So it's there. What of it?"

We are not saying that all of our people have this attitude. Many of them are aware that the newspaper is doing something good for them. Some of our native organizations are beginning to line up behind us but some of them haven't. There are also far too many of our people who have, "So it's there. What of it?" attitude.

We find this hard to take many times. We have worked hard—too hard—great part of the time. We are continually suffering from lack of adequate help because the newspaper cannot afford to hire more help. We have worked our fingers to the bone in order to keep the Tundra Times publishing because we know that if it's lost, the native people would be the real loser. Whatever acceleration of efforts on improvements of the native lot would be hurt deeply.

Tundra Times is that important to the native people of Alaska. It is a spearheading media for the needs of our Aleuts, Indians and Eskimos. It can do this effectively because the staff has good knowledge of native situations in our state. It has good insight on their ways of thinking. It has compassion for their feelings—compassion for their cultures—compassion for their ambition—compassion for their needs.

Dr. Henry S. Forbes is dead. He was the man who enabled the Tundra Times to keep publishing. Although he died on August 15, his financial assistance will continue until the end of December. His family has kindly agreed to continue his commitment until that time and then it will cease. After that time, we will need the backing of our native people and their friends. This can be done by accelerated circulation and this can be achieved by subscriptions—the more the better. Expanded circulation can assure for us more advertising and this can be added income and a great need. There is nothing 3,000 to 5,000 more names on the subscription list cannot fix. We would be assured of keeping the Tundra Times publishing, therefore continuing to benefit our native people.

## Anchorage Beautification Funds

Secretary Robert C. Weaver of the Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced approval of a \$38,064 grant under the Urban Beautification Program to aid in accelerating citywide activities to beautify streets, parks, and other public places in the City of Anchorage.

The total estimated cost of urban beautification activities in Anchorage for the current year is \$92,500.

## John Borbridge To Attend 3 Conferences

John Borbridge, Chief of the Office of Native Affairs for the Alaska Native Health Area, will go to Nebraska and Kansas next week to attend three conferences held to discuss matters of concern to Indian peoples.

He will join other Indian Health Chiefs of the U.S. Public Health Service for Tribal Affairs conference called annually by the Division of Indian Health in Omaha, Nebraska to begin September 21.

Among subjects to receive emphasis during the discussions will be the TAO role in the Community Health Representative (Aide in Alaska) program.

Conferees will also explore tribal (or village council) involvement with boards of health and discuss Public Law 90-174 which is concerned with regulations affecting non-Native use of designated PHS facilities in remote areas.

Borbridge and the other Indian leaders will then go to Wichita, Kansas to attend the annual convention of the National Congress of American Indians. The three-day event is set for September 24-27.

The concluding conference, also at Wichita, is the Governors' Interstate Indian Council. During this meeting representatives exchange information and offer ideas from their own regional experience to solve problems in

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## Paul Poses Ideas on Convention, Banquet

Mr. Emil Notti  
Box 3408  
Kalua Building  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Notti:

May I volunteer some philosophical thoughts on the makeup of a banquet and convention?

I have become somewhat alarmed, through the Tundra Times, about the converging of millions of notables to pay homage to native people of Alaska, and I am wondering if the natives in turn will give so much time to them that the natives will not have any time to exchange ideas and make decisions after debate.

Naturally, when a Congressman or United States Senator attends, we must give him some time, but may I suggest that even as to them, and I include the Governor as well, that we give them minor prominence insofar as time is concerned. I do not mind having them sit at head tables and I do not mind giving them some ceremony. But in the total amount of time available to us for the convention, they and all of them should be accorded a very, very minor place.

I say this because their speeches and all of their speeches are mere words. We must judge them by their conduct, and we can form our own judgement as to what their conduct is. They will give us a pat on the back, and they will give us promises, and they will be robbing us of time within which we have to form our decisions.

The second reason is that you will be needlessly promoting divisiveness. There will be a number of our people who will be taken in by the chatter of the politicians and, because of the shortened time we will have left to ourselves, the leaders will not be able to give such victims a more realistic appraisal of the particular speaker's words.

Normally, I would not volunteer this kind of suggestion to you, but we are in the midst of a serious, hard, uphill endeavor to obtain a just result. The foregoing observations are based upon a long experience with the Alaska Native Brotherhood, which has been inviting prominent people to their conventions for more than forty years, and I recall many, many conventions where the cause was injured by their invasions of our time; and it is hurtful.

Sincerely,  
Frederick Paul

## Byron Mallott to Head Community Enterprise Development Corp.

The Community Enterprise Development Corp., governing body for the new \$897,000 program intended to develop 10 economically sound cooperatives in rural parts of Alaska, met for the first time Wednesday and elected 25-year-old Byron Mallott of Yakutat as its president.

Mallott heads a 12-man board responsible for policy-making and for choosing the enterprises to be funded under the project. The project has been funded for 15 months by an \$897,000 grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity to Rural Alaska Community Action Program.

The action agency is delegate agency for the project until December, at which time the separate corporation and board becomes independent.

The board is made up of representatives of the state's anti-poverty regional advisory boards, development corporations and rural cooperatives already established. Enterprises funded under the program automatically will be entitled to a representative on the board.

Wednesday the board approved bylaws for the new corporation and adopted general guidelines for selection of the enterprises to be funded.

The officers they elected, in addition to Mallott, are: Frank Ferguson, Kotzebue Sound Area Fishery Cooperative, vice president; Robert Mott, Upper Yukon Valley Corp., treasurer; Joe Darling, Kodiak Area Community Development Corp., corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Diane Carpenter, Alaska Village Electrification Cooperative, recording secretary.

The new president, who is an independent fisherman by trade and a vice president in

both the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Alaska Native Brotherhood, said he believed the new program was "probably one of the most significant ever developed for the economic development of rural Alaska."

"I feel that in many ways the program must be sensitively handled because of its close relationship with private enterprise," Mallott said. "What we want to do is complement private enterprise, as well as provide opportunities not otherwise available to rural and poor Alaskans."

The board adopted general guidelines indicating cooperatives selected for funding must have a membership composed principally of persons whose previous incomes were below the poverty level and must be able to demonstrate the cooperative's potential for significant impact on the economic position of its membership and on the geographical area it serves.

Harold Wolff, a consultant in manpower and economic development who last month was hired by the board of directors for RurALCAP as director of the project, said applications would also be judged according to the number of persons the enterprise would affect and the value it would have in developing strategic resources already in the area.

The corporation will control a loan fund of \$150,000 to provide working capital for the cooperatives and a grant fund of \$150,000 to provide for basic equipment costs. Another \$85,000 has been provided for 10 village cooperative developers, who will be selected by their enterprises.

Another \$265,000 supports a central staff of seven specialists and three clerical persons to pro-

vide on-going technical assistance to the operating cooperatives. All the figures are based on a twelve-month period.

The central staff, not yet all hired, is expected to make recommendations to the board on selection of initial pilot programs by October 15.

Wolff said the first programs probably will not exceed four and will include the two active fishing cooperatives, the Kotzebue Sound Area Fishery Cooperative and the Kuskokwim

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Howard:

When Adlai Stevenson lost to President Eisenhower in 1956 he said he felt like the boy who stubbed his toe—it hurt too much to laugh—but that he was too big a boy to cry.

Every experience such as this can be educational. There will be another day and another race...

My real purpose for writing this letter is to thank you for your help in my campaign for the U.S. House. I am indebted to you and will repay your kindness someday in a meaningful way.

Sincerely,  
John L. Rader

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