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Editorial—

Success of a Banquet

Another year—another banquet. A lot of work, last minute details and no little apprehension that the annual anniversary dinner of the Tundra Times would be a success. But a success it was and warmly received by over 500 people—a goodly number for the City of Fairbanks.

The successful annual affair will once again be credited to the hard working members of the Tundra Times Board of Directors who labored long hours for no material reward but only a good measure of satisfaction. That is what, we believe, gives the annual banquet the charm it seems to carry to the audiences. The real beneficiary of the material reward is the Tundra Times itself for which the money will be used to help keep it publishing.

And then there was Jack Anderson, the author of the investigative report, the Washington Merry-Go-Round, who was the principal speaker at the banquet. He gave the audience the sampling into what extent and depth he delves in getting out the material to be syndicated to 540 daily newspapers throughout the country and elsewhere and to about 70 or 80 weeklies. This makes him the largest syndicated columnist in the country. His readers digest the material he dispenses, some of which he roots out from the immediate nerve centers of the workings of our country—a rather spine-tingling effort by any man.

Jack Anderson revealed privately that the only reason he came up to be the speaker at the banquet was because he was concerned about the problems of the original natives—the Indians of the nation. He also told a member of the Tundra Times board that he would work on behalf of the natives of Alaska and their land claims problem. These are heartwarming revelations coming from a man of Jack Anderson's stature.

And then there was the Eskimo singer and composer, John Angaiak of Tununak, Alaska in the lower Kuskokwim area. John captivated the audience with his sensitive renderings of his songs in Eskimo lyrics superbly accompanied by the rhythmic strum of his guitar. He was rewarded with enthusiastic applause from the audience.

"Communications: Bridges to Understanding" was the theme of the Tundra Times 8th anniversary banquet. It was accepted by vote by the newspaper's board from many submitted by the readers. Prof. Charles Keim of the University of Alaska got the nod.

The theme of the annual dinner was evident throughout the evening. People of all walks of life mingled, ate together, laughed together in easy, oftentimes amusing atmosphere. The sparkling occasion achieved its purpose. Oratory, song, food, beauty, amusement mingled and spelled out, "Communications: Bridges to Understanding."

Native Girl Wins Blue Cross Scholarship

An Alaska Methodist University nursing student from the southwestern Alaska village of Chevak has been awarded one of the annual Sister Agnes Scholarships presented by Blue Cross, Washington-Alaska Inc.

Francine Grace Peterson is one of three winners in the scholarship program for nursing students in Alaska and Washington State.

She is the daughter of Charles and Lucinda Peterson and a 1970 graduate of Edgumbe High School in Mt. Edge., Alaska where she was class salutatorian.

The scholarship was presented by Harold E. Goetsch, Director

of Hospital Affairs for Blue Cross, Washington-Alaska Inc., at the Alaska State Hospital Association meeting in Anchorage.

The three scholarships are awarded annually to nursing students who are enrolled in or will enroll in the A.M.U. School of Nursing or a school of nursing operated by a Blue Cross member hospital.

The winners were selected by a committee made up of hospital representatives.

The scholarships are named for Sister Agnes of the Sacred Heart, F.C.S.P., who served on the Blue Cross Board of Directors from 1948 through 1959.

(See picture elsewhere)

High School Track Meet on Mud, Snow, Ice

Over a snow-covered and muddy track the Copper Valley School cross-country team ran over two miles to win the team trophy over Glennallen High School in a duel meet held at Copper on Friday, September 25, 1970.

Although Chuck McMahon of Glennallen was over the line first with a time of 11:37, the Copper Valley Bucks took second, third, and fifth places.

Kevin Walsh came in with a time of 12:08 winning the trophy for second place.

Louie St. Amand took the third place trophy for his time of 12:13. Ribbons were awarded to Dan Hickman of Glennallen and Hubert Anaiak of Copper Valley for their fourth and fifth place positions.

Glennallen reversed the Copper's success when it came to the girls' race, run over a mile track. All three first places were taken by Glennallen girls, with Janet Tegeler coming in first with a time of 10:13.

Also awarded ribbons were Mary Auble and Teresa Maxwell for their second and third place efforts.

Copper Valley girls Karen Tony, Paulene Teeluk and Joanne Schnare finished the race, but failed to place.

In the boys' race the official score was Copper Valley 23 and Glennallen 42. The lowest score decides the winner.

Originally scheduled as a six-school meet, various cancellations brought the meet down to a duel match. Until snow started falling the night before the meet, Cordova had a chartered plane ready to take the team to the contest.

At the last minute, however, due to the weather, the trip was cancelled.

Congress Library Report Gravel Asked Backs SST

WASHINGTON — Senator Mike Gravel (D-Alaska) said that a comprehensive report prepared for him by the Library of Congress "reaffirms the conclusion that commercial supersonic flight will not result in environmental damage."

Senator Gravel said he requested a report on the environmental compatibility of civil aircraft "because of the prominence the news media has given to the charges and allegations a few groups and individuals have made concerning the environmental impact of the SST prototype program and because of the concern these undocumented allegations have caused some of my constituents."

The Senator pointed out that "the environmental aspects of supersonic flight have been carefully studied and considered by many of the nation's most prominent scientists since the incep-

tion of supersonic flight over 20 years ago. A great deal of knowledge and data had been acquired and, on the basis of this experience and continuing research, it is the opinion of every responsible scientific group that has studied the subject that supersonic flight will not result in environmental damage."

"The Library of Congress report reaffirms the conclusions of these previous studies," Senator Gravel declared.

The Senator said he considers the report to be "especially important because it is written in layman's language and offers comparisons which place the impact of supersonic flight in its proper perspective."

The report was prepared by Mr. George M. Chatham, Senior Specialist of Science and Technology in the Science Policy Research Division of the Library of Congress.



Magnuson Backs Report

STATEMENT OF SEN. WARREN G. MAGNUSON September 24, 1970

The in-depth report prepared by George M. Chatham of the Science Policy Division of the Library of Congress concerning the environmental impact of the supersonic transport is a most thoughtful, scholarly, and important document for it clearly lays to rest the unfounded fears about possible adverse environmental impact of the supersonic transport.

It is important to remember that this exhaustive study by Mr. Chatham, prepared under the auspices of the Library of Con-

gress at the request of Senator Gravel, is a study undertaken with total objectivity by an institution that has no pre-conceived notions nor axes to grind on this important matter. I am pleased that Senator Gravel requested this study, and I appreciate his courtesy and thoughtfulness in providing me with a copy.

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