

DECADE OF LEADERSHIP . . . 1966-1976



Tundra Times
(left to right)
Emil Notti,



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"Take our land, take our life" — Margaret Nick Cooke



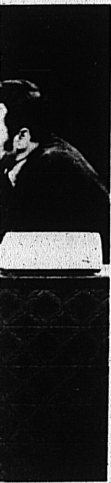
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Roger Lang, AFN president, 1974-1975.

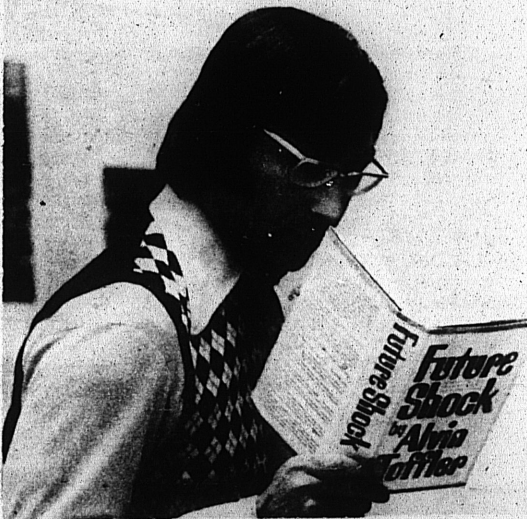


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Sam Kito, AFN president, 1975-



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AFN president Willie Hensley.

One thing that I believe that could be important and I'm quite sure it is vital, is your own background. This is one thing that no one can take away from you — the culture of your people . . .

Your people in the past have sprung to meet life in Alaska with ways or tools to meet one of the most formidable environments this old earth has had to offer.

The will to survive — what a great story that is, and has been, under the circumstances. It is something you just can't help but be proud of. Your folks in the old days . . . have done some amazing things to meet deadly obstacles, dangers, life and death situations and met them very well indeed. These facts were passed down to us and when they are studied a bit, they can give you a new awakening and spirit, strength to meet difficult situations that might come your way. Believe me, there will be some that will strain your very soul.

If troublesome obstacles come upon you, think of the achievements of your ancestors. They established cultures that very well met the unkind situations. They won over them and left ample room for fun, arts, and for big shares of lightheartedness.

Some people think that this was not possible under the circumstance our forebears had to live. But they did it through deadly trial and error processes. Who can downgrade such achievements? I for one will never do so.

— Howard Rock, 1975



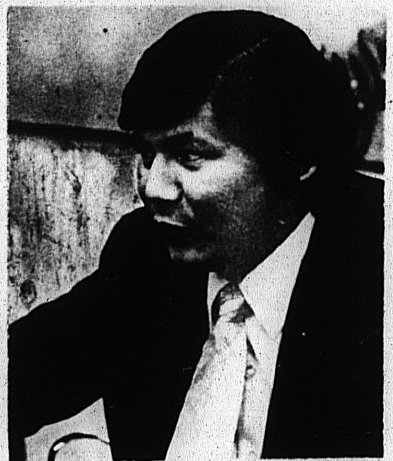
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Andrew Isaac, traditional chief of Tanacross.



Howard Rock and Al Ketzler