

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

Tundra Times



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Editorial Comment—

Destructive Delaying Tactics of Congress

It is beginning to seem that the lawmakers in our Congress are out to lay delaying tactics on the road to the implementation of Alaska native claims settlement act. The conservationist bill is one of these.

The Alaska's Native people are becoming very tired of being continually downgraded as far as the knowledge of their lands and animals are concerned. The intent of the conservationist bill is just that—an insult in the first degree of the intelligence of Alaska Native people. The bill seeks to bring back the old standby of the congressmen—the ugly paternalism.

The architects of these legislations should first become knowledgeable about conditions that affect the lives of the Native people, the environment, the land use and the importance of the animals to the people. The bills, such as the conservationist bill and the marine mammal bill, are so fraught with ignorance that they are laughable. They are not the type congressmen should write. They are products of ignorance. They should be voted down forthwith.

In the case of the marine mammal bill, the measure's intent seems to be to ramrod it through Congress. If this is done, the people it will influence most would not have been consulted—as usual. There needs to be more intensive look into it. Many Native people need to be heard because they would know, more than anyone else, how the bill would affect them. Hear them and then decide.

When will people learn!

Student Art at UA

FAIRBANKS—Talents and techniques demonstrated in a display of recent University of Alaska student art works are many and varied—and of genuinely excellent quality.

Works of nearly 100 students are on exhibit through March 10 at the university, in the Main Art Gallery, Student Lounge Gallery, and Art Department display cases.

The exhibit includes prints, paintings (water colors, oils and acrylics), sculpture, jewelry and ceramics. Some of the works were done by first semester students, and others by more advanced and graduate students.

The wide variety of talents and exhibits displayed contributes to a measure of pleasure for almost any viewer, no matter what his artistic tastes. From the traditional to the absurd, the somber to the comic, almost every mood and method has been touched.

Paintings range from a traditional ocean shore scene that makes snow-bound Alaskans yearn for a sunny coast, to a multi-media fire hose which literally reaches out at the viewer in a three dimensional effect.

Prints range from traditionally Alaska Native designs to modern abstracts. If one quality characterizes most all of the paintings and prints, it is the liberal and striking use of bright colors in these works.

A few photographs, of excellent quality, are included in the exhibit, and provide a fine contrast to the many prints.

The metalwork display is mostly hand-wrought silver jewelry although some beaten copper ladles and tureens are included.

A wide variety of rings, bracelets, pins, and pendants are displayed. Many incorporate traditional Native designs of eagles, caribou, and the like.

Ceramics range from a traditional cup and saucer to several unusual pots and vases. Both wood and metal sculpture are included, as well as a few soap-stone carvings.

The exhibit was set up by Roger Dixon, Marsha Luick, Norma Sharma, Kai Dicky, Terry McBee, Marley Lingener, and professors Stan Zielinski, Terry Choy and Glen Simpson.

Over 100 volunteer hours

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Eva McGown Was Everybody's Friend

Fairbanks will never be the same without Eva McGown, a little wisp of Ireland transported from the old country as a mail order bride 58 years ago.

Her whole life was devoted to kindness and she never knew a stranger.

"And the top o' the mornin' to you, Howard Rock," she would say.

She loved everyone, native and non-native alike. Your day was always just a little bit brighter after seeing Eva and hearing her friendly greeting.

Many people thought she had kissed the Blarney Stone. But Eva did more than that. She carried a hunk of it around with her so that she could cheer everyone up.

In the Nordale fire on George Washington's birthday, Eva died as she had lived—by helping others.

Her last act of calling for help was enough to wake up a man in a nearby room and save him from burning to death.

He tried to save her—but the smoke and flames were too thick and all he could do was save his own life.

A few days before the fire, a friend tried to get Eva to move into the Pioneer Home, but Eva would have none of it.

"I've lived here at the Nordale



EVA MCGOWN
(Photo by C. H. Darby,
courtesy Fairbanks Daily News-Miner)

for 20 years," she said, "and this is where I'm going to die."

Of course, those who knew Eva know that she would not die—but merely turn into a hap-

py Leprechaun, continuing to spread sunshine to any who will think about her and remember her many acts of kindness and share them with others.

Fraudulent Claims

JUNEAU—During 1971, Department of Labor investigators initiated action against 18 persons who had filed fraudulent claims for unemployment compensation.

Six claimants were successfully prosecuted in the courts and 12 were disqualified from receiving unemployment compensation benefits for 27 weeks by administrative decisions.

The six brought to trial were sentenced to a total of 400 days in jail and fined a total of \$1275. Three hundred days of their jail time and \$600 in fines were suspended by the courts.

However, they were also denied the right to collect benefits for 27 weeks. In addition, over \$5000 in overpayments were assessed against all 18 violators.

Various methods were used in the discovery of the frauds. They included regular audits of employer reports and jail listings as well as tips from Manpower Center claims takers and concerned citizens.

APUC Orders Meeting with RCA Alascom

The Alaska Public Utilities Commission has ordered a conference with RCA Alaska Communications, Inc. and operating telephone utilities served from the Fairbanks toll center concerning the cutover of these utilities to direct distance dialing.

The conference will be convened in the commission's hearing room in Anchorage, February 29, 1972.

The commission considers it to be in the public interest, that the cutover of the Fairbanks toll center to DDD on May 21st, be made with a minimum of inconvenience to subscribers.

Further, the commission hopes that the knowledge acquired from the recent Anchorage cutover can be furnished to the participants in the Fairbanks cutover for their guidance and use.

Red Cross

There will be a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor's course beginning March 20th, 1972.

Place: "Y" pool, next to Lathrop High School.

Dates: Monday and Wednesday.

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$2.50
Registration by phone 456-5937 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration closes March 13, 1972.

VA Benefits

H. D. Anders, Director of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Juneau, pointed out today that parents drawing benefits based on service-connected deaths of veterans and servicemen qualify for the first time for an additional \$55 monthly aid and attendance allowance.

Anders said nationwide 19,100 parents became eligible this year for the additional allowances authorized under Public Law 92-197.

Letters from Here and There

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Dear Sir:

In light of recent policies concerning advertising by various recruiting groups within the military, I feel that it is necessary to write to you and state the Navy's policy concerning this and the origin of this policy.

Over the past years, we have depended upon the news media to handle our advertising as public service notices and we have enjoyed the cooperation of the

news media in gaining this time and space. However, the advent of paid advertising in this area has begun to cause us a certain amount of conflict in reaching an understanding with the newspapers, radio stations and many others. The Navy Department has taken into consideration the cost of this advertising and compared it to the cost of maintaining the various ship types and shore activities and has concluded that the cost of facility maintenance and purchase of new equipment does not leave enough money for paid advertising in the recruiting effort, despite the emphasis being put on recruiting today. The need for a well-equipped and modern Navy outweighs the cost of advertising and the Navy Department cannot justify any further requests for funds from the Congress of this country. Hence, the Navy Department, in upholding Defense Department regulations concern-

ing this matter, has directed that we will not obtain paid advertising, but will continue to do our best to place advertising in the category of public service.

I fully realize the problems that you must encounter when you are approached by two groups trying to place advertising when one can pay for it and the other is unable to do so. It is equally frustrating to us, but we must do whatever we can within existing regulations. We sincerely hope that we may count on you to continue your support in helping us find and enlist qualified young men and women in the Navy for our truly vital role of national defense.

Sincerely,

J. L. FREDERICK
Commander, United States Navy
Commanding Officer