



PLANESIDE GREETING—Secretary of Navy Paul R. Ignatius is welcomed to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, by Brigadier General Francis J. Roberts, chief of staff of the unified Alaskan Command. Secretary Ignatius landed at Elmendorf Thursday en route to the Pacific area. During a two-hour layover in which his aircraft was being refueled, he received Alaskan Command, Alaskan Air Command and Alaskan North American Defense Region briefings.

Miscues and Boo-boos . .

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at the banquet but she could not. Then someone wrote a prayer on a piece of paper and Mary Jane made a beeline for Sylvester Ayek, who was to be a master of ceremonies along with Richard Frank, and told him to memorize it.

Sylvester, an amiable and smiling Eskimo, took to the job of memorizing the prayer with seriousness.

Then Mary Jane managed to locate a minister. She started looking at once for Sylvester.

"When I found him, here he was in a corner really trying to memorize the prayer. I could hear him say things like 'Almighty' and such. Then I shouted at him, 'Hey, Sylvester, you can stop praying now. I found a minister!'"

"Poor Sylvester, he was so relieved."

Then Prof. Jimmy Bedford's turn came at the microphone to address the audience about the Walrus Tooth Club that was formed for stockholders in the Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Co., the corporation that pub-

lishes the Tundra Times.

Jimmy, who rarely becomes flustered, caught a bug and rammed into a mental block and forgot Gov. Walter J. Hickel's name. When he said, "Gov. Gruening," the crowd attempted to correct him and shouted, "No! It's Gov. Hickel!"

Although the following incident does not have direct connections with the banquet, it does fall in the category of the weekend's comedy of errors.

Jim Ludwig, program director of the KUAC-FM of the University of Alaska, last Monday came to Tundra Times office along with Aleut student Phil Kelly, to tape an interview with Howard Rock, editor of Tundra Times.

The interview went quite well until Ludwig started to play back portions of it on a tape recorder. There was a strange buzzing sound and it came from only one direction—the editor of the Tundra Times.

Every time Ludwig thrust the microphone toward the editor, it buzzed. When he and Phil used it, it worked fine.

"Hmm, there's something funny. You see, listen. Everytime I give you the microphone it buzzes," Ludwig said to the editor with a puzzled expression. "Maybe I'm radioactive," said the editor.

The taped interview was not of broadcast quality because of very audible "buzz." Ludwig and Kelly reluctantly left the office and requested of the editor to another interview next Monday.

An hour or so later, Jim Ludwig called the editor from the university.

"Howard, we found the cause of the buzz. You're not radioactive after all. You see, the tape recorder is very sensitive and it was catching the waves in the next building where KFAR-TV is."

The editor was quite relieved, otherwise he would have been the hottest editor hereabouts.

There is a vastness to some of Alaska's men and women, as well as its acreage.
—MARGARET BUTCHER

SAM KITO . . .

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under these compromising circumstances," he said.

"Maybe some native leaders can be bought off, but I am proud they could make no progress in buying the convention."

Kito further said that it was against tradition for most long established native organizations to make political endorsements, and that most groups had even refrained from endorsing their own native legislators.

Rasmuson is a Republican banker while most natives are Democrats and are mostly poor, he indicated.

"Since Rasmuson is Alaska's wealthiest man it seems to me that he should feel that native support was just a matter of money," said Kito.

"I can well recognize why Rasmuson thought he did not stand much of a chance for native support," Kito said, "but if he wanted that support he should have come to the convention armed with ideas and progressive programs—not money."

"I feel ashamed for those that would sell out their heritage and village for money," he added.

Kito charged that Rasmuson paid for transportation in some cases, liquor, and hotel rooms of delegates, but said that this pressure could not sway the strong tradition of non-endorsement brought to the convention by regional native groups.

"I don't think the hiring of mercenaries is the way to gain native support and votes," Kito said, "and it seems to me this was an unmerciful attempt to capitalize on the poverty of the native people and their awakening political movement."

"We all favor different candidates, and should work in their behalf without thought of money payoffs."

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remarkable vigor at a stage in life when men are usually content to reminisce about the past.

We owe him a great debt and it is fitting that you have chosen to honor his memory on this occasion.

Since the TUNDRA TIMES was so dear to the heart of Dr. Forbes, it is altogether appropriate for me to take a few minutes at the outset to reflect on the paper's accomplishments in its brief six year life span.

During the recent Congressional Hearings on the proposed Native Claims legislation, your leaders received many plaudits for their excellent performance.

I wonder, however, whether that leadership would have been so effective without the job the TUNDRA TIMES did in communicating the issues to the Native people.

It was instrumental in creating a recognition of the need for leadership, of the need for organization and, yes, even saw fit to take the leaders to task when it felt they were not effectively discharging their responsibilities to the people.

Sometimes we tend to think of the TIMES' role only as a channel of communication among the Native people, but it has also served as the vehicle for communicating the needs and aspirations of the Natives to the people "Outside," including those of us in Washington who are charged with the responsibility for doing something about them.

In its short life span the paper has effectively championed causes in which the Native people have a vital interest. Setting aside for a moment the land claims issue, which I will discuss later, I would like to cite a few of these.

Were it not for the TUNDRA

TIMES' role in relentlessly calling attention to the serious deprivation of the basic rights of the long-neglected Pribilof Islanders, these Natives would not have had the opportunity to assume an expanding role in business or government.

The TIMES also alerted the conscience of the Nation to the potential consequences of reckless experimentation by stressing the dangers of atomic fallout and the plight of the Native people involved.

Despite the deplorable conditions of Native housing to which the TIMES repeatedly called our attention, the benefits of the Indian housing program could not be realized by the Alaskan Native.

However, finally the persistent efforts of Senator Bartlett led to the passage of a \$10 million Alaska housing program for which a million dollars to construct 200 houses will be available this year.

In addition, the combined efforts of several agencies led by the Economic Development Administration and the Department of Housing and Urban Development will lead to the construction of over 200 new homes in the Bethel area within the next two years.

The TIMES, with a forceful assist from the Federal Field Committee, has focused the Nation's attention on the problem of Native unemployment. At long last we in the Federal Government, the largest employer in the State, have stopped giving lip service to the problem and are finally mounting a concerted effort to do something about it.

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