

Pollock Seeks Tax Credit for Employers Upgrading Skills

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Howard W. Pollock

(R-Alaska) last week introduced a bill to allow tax credits to employers for the expenses of programs designed to upgrade the skills of current or prospective employees.

The bill, entitled the Human Investment Act of 1967, is a part of the Republican legislative program for the 90th Congress. It has the backing of the Republican leadership and was simultaneously introduced by other Republican members of the House of Representatives.

The bill provides an incentive to American businesses to invest in the improvement of the nation's human resources by hiring, training and employing presently unemployed

workers who lack needed job skills.

It also encourages programs that will upgrade job skills and provide new job opportunities for workers presently employed.

Pollock said, "This bill is particularly important to Alaska. New industry is being attracted to Alaska, bringing with it many new jobs. It is important that Alaskans be in a position to fill these jobs, many of which require specialized training. The proposed Human Investment Act will provide an incentive for industry to train Alaskans for these jobs, and will eliminate, to some extent, the importation of skilled workers from other areas."

Congressman Pollock said he hoped the bill would be enacted during the 90th Congress.

Elementary Pupils All Over States Write for Tundra Times

In the February 3 edition of SCHOLASTIC TEACHER, one of the series of magazines published by SCHOLASTIC MAGAZINES, Sheila Turner put in the publication a little information about the TUNDRA TIMES.

She wrote that a single copy of the Times could be had for 20 cents.

Ever since the issue of the Scholastic Teacher came out, dozens of notes from fourth and fifth grade pupils and their teachers all over the United States have been bulging the mailbox of the Times.

The following are samples of the letters the pupils have been writing:

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264 Randolph Rd.
Morgantown, W. Va. 26505
Jan. 31, 1967

Dear Eskimo,

I have been studying about you and my teacher told us that Eskimos lived in small houses now. She also told us we could find out more about you and your people if we wrote and ask you for one of your books that you have written. Please send me one of your books that you have written. I am giving you twenty cents.

Your friend
Eugene Trump

* * *
212 W. Brown St.
West Chicago, Ill.
Feb. 2, 1967

Dear Sirs:

My name is Susie Rodesiler and I am 9 years old. I am in the 4th grade at Gary School in West Chicago, Illinois. In our geography class we have been studying all about Alaska. It looks like Alaska here in our town. We are 35 miles west of Chicago and last week there was a big snowstorm with high winds. We had a snowfall of 23 inches and some drifts of 8 feet high.

Could you please send me the newspaper, Tundra Times. Enclosed is 20¢. Do you have any more information or booklets you could send me. I would like to show it to our class.

Sincerely,
Susie Rodesiler

* * *
37 Miller Ave.
Hazlet, N.J. 07730
Feb. 1, 1967

Dear Sirs:

Would you please send me one (1) recent copy of the Tundra Times. Enclosed is twenty cents (\$.20).

Thank you for any copy which you might send.

Sincerely yours,
Robert Taylor

* * *
Wasmer School
Grand Island, Neb.
Feb. 2, 1967

Dear Mr. Howard Rock,

My class and I are studying about Alaska and the people who live there. I would like to have a single copy of Tundra Times @\$.20. We are sending extra stamps for air mail postage and hope it is enough.

Sincerely yours,
Vicky Schwieger
Mrs. Fisher's Fifth

Mrs. Fisher's
Fifth Grade

President Calls Attention to Over-Population

Last week President Lyndon Johnson for the 28th time publicly since his election called to the attention of the world the grim impact the population explosion is having on more than one-half of the world's people.

Although he spoke specifically of India in his Message on India Food delivered to Congress, the President observed that India is not alone in facing the specter of near famine.

Senator Ernest Gruening voiced support of the President's message and told his Senate colleagues that according to experts, 50 million mothers are eligible for family planning assistance in India. "It is significant," he noted, "that India's current five-year development plan puts more emphasis on population control than ever before. As India works to align food and population, I would hope that the President's message can be properly implemented."

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