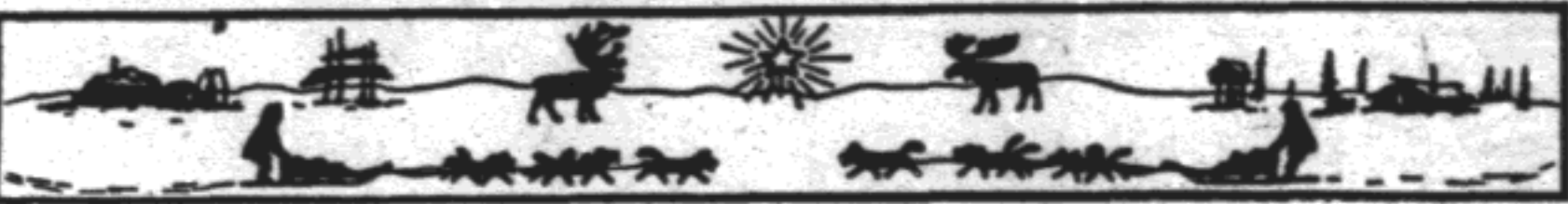


"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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Might Be Met . . .

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streams in and around the very areas of oil discovery sites on the North Slope.

As the oil production accelerates, which it will, more of the hunting and fishing areas will be taken up and little in return will be given. This is little thanks for giving up something that had been most dear to all of the native people—the land on which they had trod from time immemorial and for which they have held deep revere. The loss of the freedom to move on the accustomed land will be grieved.

The native land claims legislation in the Congress of the United States is nearing the starting point to arrive at a solution to the land problem in Alaska. Compensation in the amount of \$180 million is being prominently mentioned as payment for lands lost by the native people of Alaska. This is a mere drop in a bucket compared with what will be taken out of the North Slope in the form of oil. There are, and there will be, other oil producing areas elsewhere in the state adding to the billions of dollars that will be realized.

And it has been mentioned also that our people might not get as much land they have wished to get when the legislation gets through with the work. If this has to be, it will be another loss that will be hard to swallow by our native people.

Perhaps our native leaders should explore whether there might yet be some signs of conscience other than those we might be able to garner from the Congress of the United States. The Eskimos, Indians, and Aleuts stand to lose a great deal. The \$180 million could become untenable as a base of security for future generations of our people. The work our native leaders are attempting to do for us and for our people in the future might fall short.

Perhaps our leaders should endeavor to meet with top officials of the various oil companies toward realizing one or two per cent over-riding royalties on every ounce of oil produced in Alaska. A mutually agreed duration of time in which it would be imposed could be made, or it could be until the time oil ceases to spring from the bowels fo the North Slope and other areas.

If by chance the oil industry should agree to such a thing, it would be a precedent—a gesture never before made for the good of the minority people involved. It could be a living monument to the great oil industry and its titular heads at the present time. The money that would be forthcoming from this would be a constant source of good for great many generations.

Perhaps a request of this nature might be met by men of good conscience for the good of their fellow man.

Scholarship Grant Deadline Changed

The deadline date for submission of Bureau of Indian Affairs scholarship grant applications has been changed to May 1 for school year 1969-70. Approval of applications will be "subject to Congressional appropriation."

Late applicants or applicants

whose applications are not complete at the deadline date may be funded after the deadline if funds remain available.

Further information may be obtained by written to the Division of Education, Box 3-8000, Juneau, Alaska, or by calling 452-1245 in Fairbanks.

LETTERS to EDITOR

Feb. 8th, 1969

Dear Editor:

Wrangell is still having trouble with water. Wrangell didn't have any rain for a long time. I hope we will have some rain soon.

My brother, Ernie, will be taking over my newspaper deliveries next week. I have been selling Tundra Times for about 2½ years. I remember the good times I had selling papers, especially when the weather was nice. I am 14 and in the 8th grade. My brother Ernie is 10 and in the 5th grade. I have two sisters and another brother.

One of my customers, an elderly lady, just about jumps up and down when I bring a paper to her house. She says, "Oh good, oh good, my Tundra Times." She told me once that Tundra Times newspapers are good and that everyone should get them. Many customers told me that they enjoy reading Tundra Times very much.

Sincerely,
Harold Riach
P.O. Box 603
Wrangell, Alaska 99929

Gambell, Alaska
February 6, 1969

Honorable Keith H. Miller
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Honorable Governor:

This letter is to express our great problem of gasoline shortage which should be considered disastrous.

Our greatest problem is transportation of gasoline purchase. ANICA has offered to purchase gasoline for us with a selling price of \$1.60 per gallon because it has to be shipped by commercial plane charter. This price is outrageous. Our top price now is \$.95 per gallon. Where else in the United States can a person

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Barrow Jr. High Youngsters Publish Literary Magazine

(Editor's Note: Barrow Junior High School youngsters have been going through a writing program under the literary advice of Roger B. McPherson, English and Social Studies teacher.

"The last semester a ninth grade class used material collected from the junior high school to make a literary magazine," writes McPherson. "As the English teacher, I helped collect the writing from other teachers, but the final decision about the merits of the writing was left to the students. They chose the best poems and stories and laid them out in the form of a magazine."

The name of the magazine is, "Utkegvik Natchik," meaning, "Barrow Seal."

Below are three poems reprinted from the Utkegvik Natchik, two of them written by Kathy Itta and one by Wilson Panigeo.)

THE GOOD EARTH

The earth is what gives us life,
food, and also shelter.
The earth, when it's tired,
refuses to give life—
Woe to the people when it
doesn't give life!

—KATHY ITTA

MY TOWN

My town is small.
My town—
It's messy and it needs cleaning.
My poor town!

—KATHY ITTA

Leader Pleased—

Oil Work Hire

Dear Mr. Rock:

While being very critical of the local hiring practices of the oil companies and the different contractors on the North Slope I think it equally important that we recognize those that are earnestly attempting to place skilled and semi skilled labor men to work on the North Slope.

Recently Mr. Short of the Bowden Drilling Company and a representative of Mobil Oil along with an assistant commissioner of labor came to Barrow and met with the city council and interested persons to recruit drilling hands for his company. Several applications were made and immediately hired a few men they interviewed.

You must understand that there are many more jobs on the slope that could be filled by local people and this was only one company that we had an opportunity to deal with directly.

Their program was explained in great detail by Mr. Short and problems encountered were aired.

We feel that Mr. Short and his company have made an honest effort to extend local hire and we feel there are many more companies that could do the same thing.

Unemployment in the Barrow area and the surrounding villages continues to be around 85% and it's beginning to hurt real bad. It's beginning to show up in the merchant's books and the utilities services. Some have actually been cut off electricity because they can no longer be carried on an accounts receivable basis. The actual health of the community is being endangered to a point where a mass relief program of some sort will have to be started soon.

While we have many problems we would like to discuss, we did want to recognize the good effort although a limited one, the Bowden Drilling made recently and we feel there are others that can do the same.

The full time office of the Barrow Utilities Inc. was also established as a contact agency for those that might want to do some recruiting from here.

Sincerely,

Eben Hopson, Exec. Dir.
Arctic Slope Native Association

State Health, Welfare Poses Position Paper On Marijuana Use

(Second of three parts)

"Continual marijuana users often are lethargic, neglect their personal appearance, and, since the inhaled smoke is irritating, suffer from chronic respiratory disorders in addition to concurrent physical illnesses, such as malnutrition.

"The actions of marihuana are exerted on the central nervous system. Their effects, through smoking, are felt in a very few minutes and may persist for as long as twelve hours." (Leaflet MARIJUANA, American Medical Association, Department of Health Education, Division of Health Service, 1968)

"The more obvious physical reactions include rapid heart beat, lowering of body temperature, and reddening of the eyes. The drug also changes blood sugar levels, stimulates the appetite and dehydrates the body. Users may get talkative, loud, unsteady or drowsy, and find it hard to coordinate their movements. . . The range of effects can vary from depression to a feeling of excitement. Some users, however, experience no change of mood at all. The sense of time and distance of many users frequently becomes distorted. A minute may seem like an hour. Something near may seem far away. . . Doing any task that takes good reflexes and thinking is affected by the drug. For this reason it is dangerous to drive while under the influence of the drug." (Phamplet: MARIHUANA, SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, National Institute of Mental Health, Chevy Chase, Md., 1968, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.)

"The repeated use of marihuana usually indicates the presence of emotional problems. Emotionally disturbed persons appear to derive sheer joy from its use, while the well adjusted person would find the effect displeasing and even sickening." (NARCOTIC ADDICTION & DRUG ABUSE, Oklahoma State Department of Health, 1964)

Dr. Victor H. Vogel, M.D. and V.E. Vogel, in their publication FACTS ABOUT NARCOTICS AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS (1967), say, "People who make a fairly good adjustment to life are not likely to get pleasure from marijuana. On the contrary, they frequently find it unpleasant." (Copyright 1951, 1967 Science Research Associates Incorporated. Reprinted by permission of Publisher.)

They are independently self-sufficient or "hep" without joining the pot crutch cult.

The Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Massachusetts, G. Joseph Tauro, concluded in a recent decision (Commonwealth vs.

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CANDIDATES

Candidates talk big.
Some are successful.
They all shake hands.
All are photographed.
Most are middle-aged or over.
All promise good deeds—
And all travel around.
Most are rich.

—WILSON PANIGEO

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