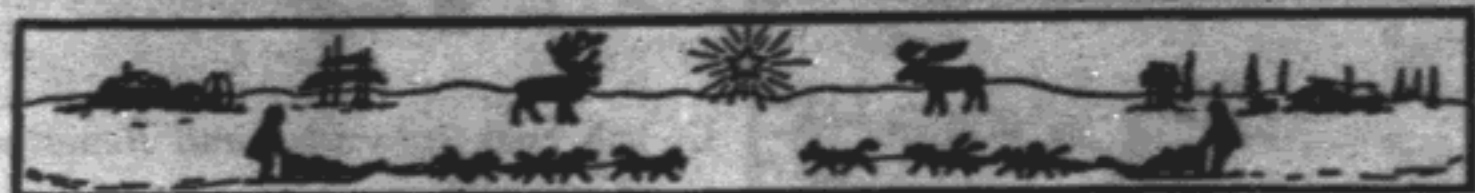


"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." - Voltaire

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Bi-Lingual Education Stressed . .

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Rock Demonstration School, an experiment is going on in teaching both the Navajo language and the English language. No evaluation has been made, but presumably the experiment is working out satisfactorily. It has not been practical to teach Navajo in the Bureau schools but speaking the language, in certain situations, is not now discouraged. The Navajo language has always been used to some extent outside the classroom because this is the language in which the Navajo student feels most comfortable.

The new education commissioner was also quoted as saying he is for teaching minority groups in their own culture. He said he hopes to translate the inner city problems of Negroes and Puerto Ricans, with which he is familiar, to the Indian classrooms. "Schools should be run with a stress on the culture the kids understand," he said. "We shouldn't be transplanting youngsters into a middle-class American situation. Schools then bear no relationship to home." In effect, he was apparently saying that instructional materials should be oriented to the culture of the student.

Efforts are underway at this time to assemble Navajo culture materials for use in the schools. The Navajo Area of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has contracted with the University of New Mexico for a series of Navajo social studies units. At Rough Rock, work is well underway in compiling Navajo legends in book form for elementary school students, and the ONEO cultural center hopes to publish next year a book for high school students. The goal in all of these endeavors is to acquaint the student with his history and customs.

Recognition by the dominant society of the good in Navajo culture is long overdue. The Navajo has much in his culture that needs to be preserved and passed on, not only to his own children, but to all Americans. The remaining medicine men and storytellers are being called upon in this worth while effort to preserve the beauty and wisdom in Navajo culture. The effort may already be too late to preserve some of it.

As the past is remembered, the march must continue into the future. It should be kept in mind that most of the residents of the Navajo reservation are young people, and that half the population is under the age of 17. It is toward these people that educational efforts must be directed, and the main thrust must be on English, rather than Navajo. If these young people are to compete in the modern world, they must learn to speak English better than their parents and grandparents.

"Remember the past, take advantage of the present and prepare for the future." That is the ideal to which Navajo youth must aspire.

-The NAVAJO TIMES

Snow from Angel's Pillow Fight

(From Tuntutuliak News)
By MARTINA LUPIE

Today in the morning when I got up the platform was frozen. We played on the platform with our shoes. Yesterday it was snowing. Maybe the angels have been fighting with their pillows. Last night I dreamed about Marie and other guys coming here.

LETTERS to EDITOR

10/12/67

Dear Editor-

On Saturday the 7th, Governor Hickel came into Wrangell for about an hour. When I talked with him, he said he remembered seeing me in June when you let me visit you in Fairbanks.

The governor went up the Stikine River with many tour agents. When his plane came, the band started playing on the riverboat "Margaret Rose." Ed Callbreath is the captain. The band played for about thirty minutes.

In two and half weeks, it's Halloween. I remember that last year, one house had a made up ghost that really talked. When I heard him talk the first time, I was scared. My dad caught some more fish.

Enclosed is a check for the 80 papers.

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

Poetry— Eskimo Lady Poet Honors Williamson

COME BACK...COME BACK,
O'DEAN

The Eskimo beams
As he speaks softly
To his real friend in Realty
of the Bureau of Indian
Affairs,
"Beo-rax-in¹ soli² Qu-ya-
na,³ O'Dean."

Next, the voice of an
Athapaskan peals forth,
as he speaks to his real
friend in Realty,
"Ma-see,⁴ Mr. O'Dean."

The Aleut, his third friend
of the Aleutian Islands scends
his echoic message of
"thanks!"
to his real friend in Realty,
"Ku-ya-na-he,⁵ O'Dean
Williamson!"

The final acclamation
thereafter expounded,
"we, the 'Inupiat' of our
Great Land of Alaska,
May be extending our
'Beo-rax-ins,'
but we will never part
with you within our
hearts.
From henceforth!
the echo will resound,
COME BACK...COME BACK
again, O'Dean."

By TICKASUK (EIB)

¹ Goodbye
² and
³ Thanks
⁴ Thank you
⁵ Aleut Thanks

Canine Hero Search Underway in Alaska

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FOR
PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, INC.
Box 776
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

October 14, 1967

Howard Rock, Editor
Tundra Times
Box 1287
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Mr. Rock:

Annual search is underway for the Alaskan dog to receive the Alaska SPCA, Inc., "Dog of the Year Award." Any publicity you can give this search will be very much appreciated.

The award will be presented at the Kinmuk Style Show, Saturday, November 4, at 1 p.m., in the ballroom of the Anchorage Westward Hotel.

Nominations should include a description of the incident, name and description of the dog, name and address of the dog's owner. Entries may be from anywhere in Alaska. Deadline for receipt of information is October 27.

As you may recall, the 1966 award winner was Mijo, female Saint Bernard, who rescued her young mistress, Philiciann Bennett, from a gravel pit where she had become trapped after a bank gave way. Mijo's owners are Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bennett of Anchorage. The 1965 award winner was Boo, husky-boxer, owned by young Ray Blacka of Unalakleet. Boo had awakened his master and companions when sparks from a campfire ignited the cabin in which they were sleeping.

All entries should be mailed to Alaska SPCA, Inc., Box 776, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
(Mrs. Ben L. Hilliker)
Editor, Kinmuk Reports

25 Baha'is Travel to Illinois to Attend North American Meeting

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA—Twenty-five members of the Alaska Baha'i Community traveled to Wilmette, Illinois this past week to attend a North American Conference of their Faith.

The purpose of the gathering, which attracted nearly three thousand Baha'is, was to deliberate on ways and means of proclaiming the principles and tenets of this world-wide religion to the people of the United States and Canada.

Similar Conferences were held simultaneously in Panama City; Kampala, Uganda; Sydney, Australia; Frankfurt A/M, Germany and New Delhi, India.

Although these Conferences also commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the public announcement of this new Faith by Baha'u'llah, its Founder, Baha'is feel their Faith must become better known in this area of the world.

Mrs. John Kolstoe, of Fairbanks, presented to the Conference a survey of the development of the Faith in Alaska. She traced its

history from the settlement of the first member in Juneau in 1915 to the present time.

In her report she told of recent translations of Baha'i literature into Tlingit, Athapaskan, Aleut, and Eskimo dialects, as well as a steady growth from the first settler to over 55 Baha'i Centers in Alaska today.

Mr. Pat Moul, Douglas, chairman of the state-wide governing body, termed the National Spiritual Assembly, reported on plans developed for use of advertising media to inform more Alaskans of the position of the Baha'i Faith on the issues of today.

"The Baha'i Faith has demonstrated its power to unite people of every national background, every skin color, every class and every religious origin. Baha'is are doing something about their Faith," Mr. Moul said.

Following his presentation, Mr. Moul was joined by Mrs. Rex Talcott of Juneau and members of the Canadian and U.S. National Assemblies on a panel to answer questions from delegates.

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