

M. R. Marston Aids Times by Book Sale

M.R. "Muktuk" Marston, the author of the currently selling, "Men of the Tundra," has made 50 books available to the Tundra Times as a gesture of helping the newspaper.

The money realized from the sale of the books will be issued in stock of the Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Co., Inc. to Muktuk Marston.

"I agreed to furnish 50 books charged to my account with the publisher and the Times to sell them and pay me in stock of the Tundra Times," said Marston. "The Times is to have all the money from sale of the books."

"The 50 books at \$6.95 would be \$347.50 which the Times would issue stock to me in the Tundra Times in lieu of cash."

The Tundra Times has received requests for the book but the shipment from the publishers, October House, Inc., New York, has not yet arrived. As soon as it comes, those requested the book will be promptly notified.

The Men of the Tundra is a lively narrative of the trials and tribulations of the famous Alaska Territorial Guard organized by Muktuk Marston during the early days of World War II.

About 3,000 Eskimos, Indians, and Aleuts took part in the ATG and gained fame as the most alert and able soldiers.

Maj. Marston, who organized the ATG under difficulties, said that "not one of them refused to serve." All 3,000 ATG members are listed in the book.

NCAI Receives Tech Aid Grant From EDA

The Economic Development Administration has approved a technical assistance grant of \$75,000 to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Fund for study and eventual implementation of a proposal to establish a National Indian Economic Development Enterprise, John Belindo, Executive Director of NCAI announced last week.

Matched with \$25,000 from the NCAI Fund, the total foreseeable cost of the project is \$100,000.

"There is widespread belief in the need for new initiatives in the promotion of economic development on Indian reservations," Belindo said. "Finding sources of credit to fund Indian Indian economic development and meet the needs of tribes (and Indian entrepreneurs) is a major problem."

The first two phases of the three-part project will be devoted to selection of personnel and consultants who will determine whether, under existing law, a feasible way exists of establishing a new national organization to assist American Indian economic development.

The third phase will be devoted to implementation of the (method) recommended by the study.

"We are confident that the study will turn up at least one feasible approach to this problem," Belindo said.

The project is expected to run one year.

NCAI Fund is the tax-exempt arm of NCAI, a national Indian-directed organization, whose membership includes 105 tribes, representing over 350,000 American Indians.

U.S. Coast Guard Japanese Captives Blinked by Nippon Made Cameras

Robert Koweluk, who is now working for the State Fish and Game, was a member of a boarding party on two of the Japanese fishing boats that were captured by the U.S. Coast Guard ship Storris recently in the Norton Sound area.

"One of the crew members was surprised that the boarding party used Japanese made cameras!" Koweluk noted. "One Nikon 8, a Yashica and a Mamiya Sekor—all 35 millimeters."

Koweluk said that the boats were 90 feet long and 25 feet wide.

"John Burns, Mike Geiger and I went aboard one of the two fishing boats to take scale samples from the herring. The fish had already spawned in the Norton Sound area. Their age was

estimated to be seven to eight years and the length to be about nine inches," said Koweluk.

"We began," he continued, "collecting scales from individual fish once aboard. The Japanese crew members 'pitched in' with the collecting and in less time than I thought we were done with 500 samples.

"The Japanese regarded us with much curiosity. We in turn photographed some of its crew and the ships as a tourist would."

Robert Koweluk is an Eskimo young man. He took photograph and photo processing course at the University of Alaska under Prof. Jimmy Bedford, head of the journalism department.

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Our Newsboy Encounters Black Bear

By ERNIE RIACH
Wrangell, Alaska

It was raining at camp and when I came home about four days ago, it was sunny and it has been sunny since.

I was at camp last week and Victor and Harold delivered my papers for me. (Editor's Note: Harold Riach, former Times' newsboy at Wrangell but who retired at the age of 14, came out of retirement for one week to sell Tundra Times for his brother Ernie.)

I had fun at camp. One day ten boys went fishing. I was one of the ten boys: We went up the river and in some places we had to cross the river. We had to wade up to our chests.

After we walked about a mile two boys and I got tired so we stayed behind while the others kept going up the river. Soon we three boys were left alone.

After a while we heard some crackling noises across the river from us. We saw a black bear. It crossed the river then it came in back of us. We were praying for help.

Soon the bear went away and the kids were coming back down the river.

I am glad I went to our church camp. I enjoyed it very much. Lots of kids got saved and was filled with the Holy Spirit.

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