

Letters to the Editor Got Crowded Out of Editorial Page

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the paper Air Mail. Too Slow. 1 week late all the time.

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Tundra Times
Box 1287
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Gentlemen:

I have just read in the November 28th edition of the Tundra Times your plan to publish a special edition designed to inform all native families throughout the State of Alaska of the status of the native land claims proposed legislation.

Although, with your usual dignity, you have not solicited contributions to help defray the additional expense of the special edition, you have invited additional advertising at higher than usual rates. Since I have nothing to advertise but desire very much to contribute support, will you please accept the enclosed check of \$25.00.

Let me take this opportunity to let you know how proud I am to share American citizenship with the native Alaskan peoples. The dignified, realistic, eminently fair, and forthright manner in which the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians are presenting their just claims is an outstanding example of what civilized conduct can be for all of us.

Best wishes of this Holiday Season to all your fine staff, and may 1970 bring a just and equitable solution of the land claims.

Sincerely yours,
Dorothy M. Pinkert

To the Congressmen, Representatives, Senator, Governor:

How would you like to live here in the Interior for 60 years? Every morning at 40, 50, or 60 below zero. Everything is froze in the morning and you have to run out in your stocking feet to drain out. We were trained this way. We never had no latrine, so they kick us out. After trapping for 8 or 9 hours when I come home my grub is all froze again.

Today after I hauled wood and cut it up, I packed 50 gals. of water for my washing machine. Then I have to pack it out to dump the water over the bank. This is just some of the things we have to do. No wonder we die off.

Now if you give us our land back, or buy it maybe we might live better. Now they're are a lot of people here that can go to work, but here is our problem. The Canary Plane comes here, for men. All you do is get your razor and get on the plane.

If they can do the same with the Job Program I'm sure the boys will be glad to go. I myself when I go to work I have to have 5 hundred dollars, by the time I get my 1st check. I have to go through physical, fingerprint, mug, answer a lot of questions, etc.

1953 at Ladd Field I had to answer 120 questions. The first 60 was all wrong, so the gal at the desk answer them for me because I knew her and all the high Muck a Mucks. So send a Plane here and will all go to work O.J.T. on the Job Training. Thank you.

Fred Stickman, Sr.
P.S. You might have to send me

IHS GETS NEW DIRECTOR

Dr. Emery A. Johnson has been appointed Director of the Indian Health Service, in the Health Services and Mental Health Administration, it was announced this week by Robert H. Finch, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. The position carries the rank of assistant surgeon general.

Dr. Johnson will be responsible for administering the comprehensive health services provided by the Government for some 410,000 American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts living in 23 Federal Reservation States and Alaska.

A career officer in the Public Health Service, Dr. Johnson has 14 years experience in the Indian health program. He joined the Service in 1955 as a medical officer at the PHS Indian Hospital in White Earth, Minn.

Since that first assignment, he has served as medical officer in charge at White Earth, at the Indian Hospital in Winnebago, Nebr., and at the Indian Medical Center, Phoenix, Ariz., and as Deputy Indian Health Area Director in Phoenix.

Dr. Johnson was Indian Health Area Director in Billings, Mont., at the time of his appointment to headquarters in June 1966 as Assistant Director and Chief, Office of Program Services.

He was made Deputy Director of the Service in September 1967 and has been acting director since July 1, 1969, when Dr. E.S. Rabeau, former director, transferred to Tucson, Ariz., to

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for the Anchorage Native Welcome Center. Salary negotiable. For application and information, write: Anchorage Native Welcome Center, 236 E. 5th Ave., Anchorage 99501. Deadline for applications is January 16.

head the Service's research and training complex.

Dr. Johnson was born in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., April 16, 1929. He took his B.S. degree at Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn. in 1951 and his M.D. degree at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis in 1954.

He interned at Asbury Methodist Hospital, Minneapolis. In 1964 he earned an MPH degree at the University of California School of Public Health, Berkeley.

Dr. Johnson's professional affiliations include the American Medical Association, American Public Health Association, American Academy of General Practice and the Association of Military Surgeons. In 1966 he was awarded the Public Health Service Commendation Medal.

Dr. Johnson is married to the former Nancy Mourning and has four children. He lives at 13826 Dowlais Drive, Rockville, Maryland.

Compensation Fund Balance On Increase

JUNEAU— Commissioner of Labor Thomas J. Moore announced this week that Alaska's Unemployment Compensation Fund balance totals \$29,181,000 at the close of business on November 30.

The balance represented an increase of \$7,310,000 over the Fund's level at the end of November, 1968.

The commissioner said a total of \$505,000 was paid in current benefits during November as compared with \$363,000 the previous month and \$488,000 in November 1968.

In addition, \$107,000 was paid in Unemployment Insurance benefits during November under two federally-financed programs for former federal employees and ex-servicemen.



Seasons Greetings

We're all aglow with hopes of holiday enjoyment for all our friends and neighbors. Our "Thank You" is warm and sincere — serving you, our pleasure.

Staff: TUNDRA TIMES
Bonnie
Susan
Howard

FAIRBANKS NATIVE WELCOME CENTER

Activities and Programs

Center Visitors Like Mrs. Cora Sakeagak

The Secretary-receptionist for the Fairbanks Native Community Center is Mrs. Cora Goodwin Sakeagak. She was born and raised in Kotzebue. Attended all four years in Mount Edgecumbe and one semester at the University of Alaska. She is now taking a LaSalle course in accounting.

She and her husband Morgan who is with the State Department of Public Safety have a daughter Geraldine, 2 years and 3 months old. They lived in Bar-

row for nearly two years before moving to Fairbanks.

Cora has been with the Center since it began this year August 1. She has shown exceptional ability to carry on her duty especially when the Center was without a director for 2½ weeks, the latter part of September.

She knows this experience will be one of the greatest. The people at the Center certainly enjoy her.

"RONNIE"

"Ronnie" a movie of a village boy learning and experiencing the urban society. A good movie, highly recommended for high school students, will be shown at the Center, Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

"The Center, for visiting Natives from other villages, is a place where all the fears and frustrations of being new in a "Big City" can be comforting."
—H. FIELDS
FT. YUKON, ALASKA

Henry's Fluently Speak Athabascan Tongue

Interior Alaska is very fortunate to have David and Kay Henry. They lived among the Yukon and Koyukon Indians for several years and learned to speak and write Athabascan fluently. They have put out three small booklets in Athabascan with English translations. These are available at the Native Center at a nominal price.

In addition to putting out booklets, the Henry's are teaching interested people to read and

write Athabascan. Classes are presently being held at Sally Hudson's house Monday nights at 7:00 p.m.

After the New Year, we hope to have the classes meeting at the Center. An additional class for beginners is also being considered to teach people how to speak the Interior language.

The Center thanks the Henry's for sharing their knowledge and help in preserving the Athabascan language.

"The Center is a good example of what can be done with OEO funds. It offers services not otherwise available by any other agency. The staff here are both efficient and congenial."
—FRANK A. PERATROVICH

Needs Painting

The Center needs one more coat of paint on its floors. Sunday, December 21, 1969, we will have a paint party. Everyone willing to paint come at 12:00 p.m.

FNA Wins Another

FNA won another game December 11. They beat Yukon Office Supply by a score of 61 to 55. Leading players were Teddy Dundas, 22 points, and Charles Greene with 11 points.

"The Center makes you feel welcome. Enjoy doing volunteer work here. The people are great."
—MARY DOWNEY

"The Native Center is a good place, lots of good coffee. Ah-di-gah!"
—HOWARD ALLASHUK

Center Helps Applicants On Work-trainee Programs

Since Project Hire is a worker-trainee program especially "tuned" to Native Alaskans for permanent jobs in the Defense Installations of Alaska, the Native Community Center employment assistance has concentrated on helping job applicants with the forms for this program in recent weeks.

HELP BOARDING HOME STUDENTS

Another area of concentration in the employment end has been to find week-end and after-school work for the Boarding Home Program students to help

them get home to their outlying villages for Christmas. So far employers have called in for jobs ranging from painting to ironing in response to our News-Miner ads and radio pleas.

NEW AREAS BEING DEVELOPED IN THE CENTER

Other programs being developed or proposed here at the Center are Urban Orientation and Consumer Education. This involves getting representatives as a secretarial organization to speak on what courses one can take or work up in the field; a nurse to speak on the various

areas within nursing, reaching up to the "R.N."; or from any general area of interest such as the oil industry or from the University of Alaska as Upward Bound. A special interest is shown in having Dr. Lyons from the University give a series of anthropological "clues" on the culture of our Alaska. Interest is also shown in the development of our natural resources in the direction of mining, forestry, fishing and of course mineralogy —which includes the rather recent "black gold" discovery in our State!



Greetings

May all the good of this holiday season be yours . . . yours to have, yours to share.